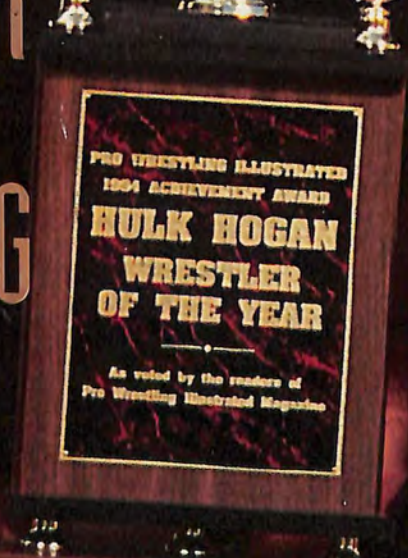


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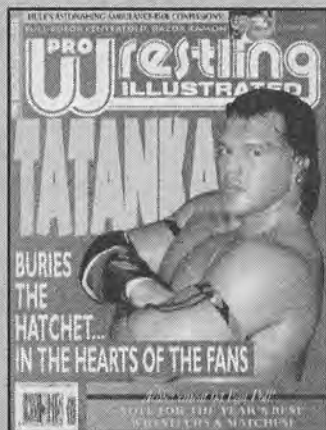
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TATANKA SELLS OUT

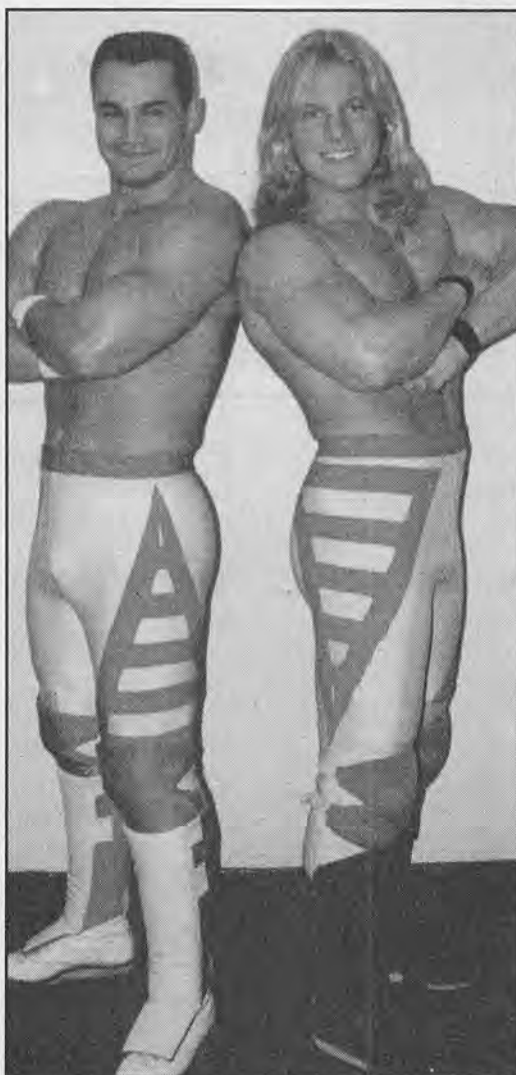


In our January 1995 issue, our cover story focused on Tatanka's change of heart. Our readers overwhelmingly agree: Tatanka sold out. Most of the letters and phone calls we received chastise Tatanka for his new alliance with Ted DiBiase. Only a select few actually applauded the move.

"Tatanka sold out," wrote Jason Pulaski of Detroit, Michigan. "I can't believe it. He was cheaper than Staten Island."

"There's no way he still loves the fans," said "*PWI* Hotline" caller Armando Cassano of Raleigh, North Carolina. "How can he love us when he turned against us? This is something we can't forgive him for very easily. I hope he knows what he's getting himself into. There's no turning back now."

"Tatanka will do a lot better with DiBiase," wrote Jack Berry of Miami, Florida. "He just traded the cheers for title shots. Now he'll get what he wants. Titles are why he is in wrestling in the first place, not the fans' support."



Omitting Chris Jericho and Lance Storm—a team that competed in Smoky Mountain for several months—from the 1994 "*PWI* 500" was a mistake, says reader Tammy Richardson. She is a big fan of The Thrillseekers.

MORE "500" FEEDBACK

I was very disgusted with the 1994 "*PWI* 500." As a fan of Smoky Mountain Wrestling, I am appalled that The Thrillseekers, Lance Storm and Chris Jericho, were left off your list. Before coming to SMW, they had successful careers in other wrestling pro-

motions. Even though they only wrestled in SMW for a short time, they are tremendous wrestlers. They are quick, high-flying wrestlers with a counter for just about any move. In my opinion, they are two of the best wrestlers I have ever seen and they deserve to be on your list.

TAMMY RICHARDSON
Elizabethton, TN

ERROR IN "500"?

Did my eyes deceive me? Has there been a major typesetting error? Nope. Hulk Hogan really was ranked number two in the "*PWI* 500." I feel so embarrassed. I honestly thought that the annual listings were meant to be a comparative and objective indication of the wrestlers' skills and strengths, illustrated by a 500-position pecking order. I had no idea that it was a popularity contest. I mean, can a wrestler, champion or otherwise, really be considered better than someone who he flatly refuses to face in a wrestling ring? I don't see him lining up to face Big Van Vader anytime soon.

And what about the clause that states: "Any professional wrestler appearing in public, attired in a fluffy, pink ballet dress, will face automatic exclusion from the rankings?"

ALISON COLEMAN
Lancaster, England

SIMPLY THE BEST

I just witnessed the end of an era. The end of a truly remarkable career. The end of Ric Flair. I've kept up with



Ric Flair is the greatest wrestler of all-time. That's the opinion of reader Kyle Keating, who was sad to see the "Nature Boy's" career come to an end and wants to thank him for all the memories he provided over the years.

Flair's career for a long time and now that it has ended, I must say that he's not only an incredible wrestler, but also an amazing person. I look at Halloween Havoc as the end of a lifetime of memories.

There are probably more than a million people who have said this, but

allow me to say it one more time: Thank you, Ric Flair, for entertaining us for so many years. You are, without a doubt, the greatest of all-time. Thank you for all the memories.

KYLE KEATING
Titusville, FL

IT'S A BLOODY MESS!

A reader recently commented that Philadelphia area fans should be commended for their support of Extreme Championship Wrestling and its violence ("Between Falls," Winter 1994). I think he's wrong. I live near Philly and I hate ECW.

Recently, Tasmaniac bit off a chunk of Jason's face, Public Enemy mugged Paul Diamond and Pat Tanaka, Terry Funk hung Rocco Rock from a balcony, and the Sandman had one eye burned with a cigarette.

The ECW is *too* violent. Its matches should not even be covered by television. Commissioner Tod Gordon, Shane Douglas, and all the rest of the people in ECW are a disgrace to the great sport of professional wrestling.

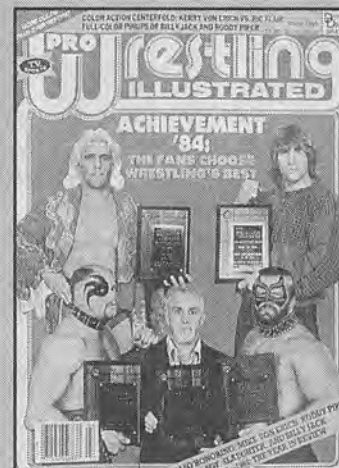
JOHN M. PLUTO
Pottstown, PA

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Fans who love blood and brutality usually love ECW matches. But reader John M. Pluto is no ECW fan. He thinks the federation allows its wrestlers to get too violent and was appalled when Terry Funk hung Rocco Rock from a balcony.

10 YEARS AGO IN PWI



The cover of the March 1985 issue showcased the annual PWI Achievement Awards. Wrestling fans were asked to vote in several categories and the results were compiled by our diligent staff. The year's top winners graced the cover: Ric Flair (Wrestler of the Year); Kerry Von Erich (Most Popular Wrestler of the Year); The Road Warriors (Tag Team of the Year); and Paul Ellering (Manager of the Year).

The centerfold featured the Match of the Year, Kerry Von Erich defeating Ric Flair for the NWA World title in Texas Stadium. Kerry won the title from the "Nature Boy" in a spectacular bout that took place in front of a crowd of more than 43,000 fans. Kerry dedicated the match and the title to his brother David, who had died earlier that year. The energy and excitement that filled the stadium on that particular day was a true testament to the popularity of the Von Erich family.

Elsewhere in the magazine: Most of the issue was dedicated to the awards, but there were also some other interesting features, including "The Year In Review," which looked at the major events in wrestling from the year 1984 ... The issue also included "The First Annual Not Necessarily The PWI Awards," which later became the "Unofficial/Official Awards."

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RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

I DON'T KNOW about you, but I still can't believe that **Brutus Beefcake** had the nerve to attack **Hulk Hogan** at Halloween Havoc the way he did. "The Butcher," as he now calls himself, says Hogan had humiliated him for years, but the way I saw it, Hogan was always a good friend to him.

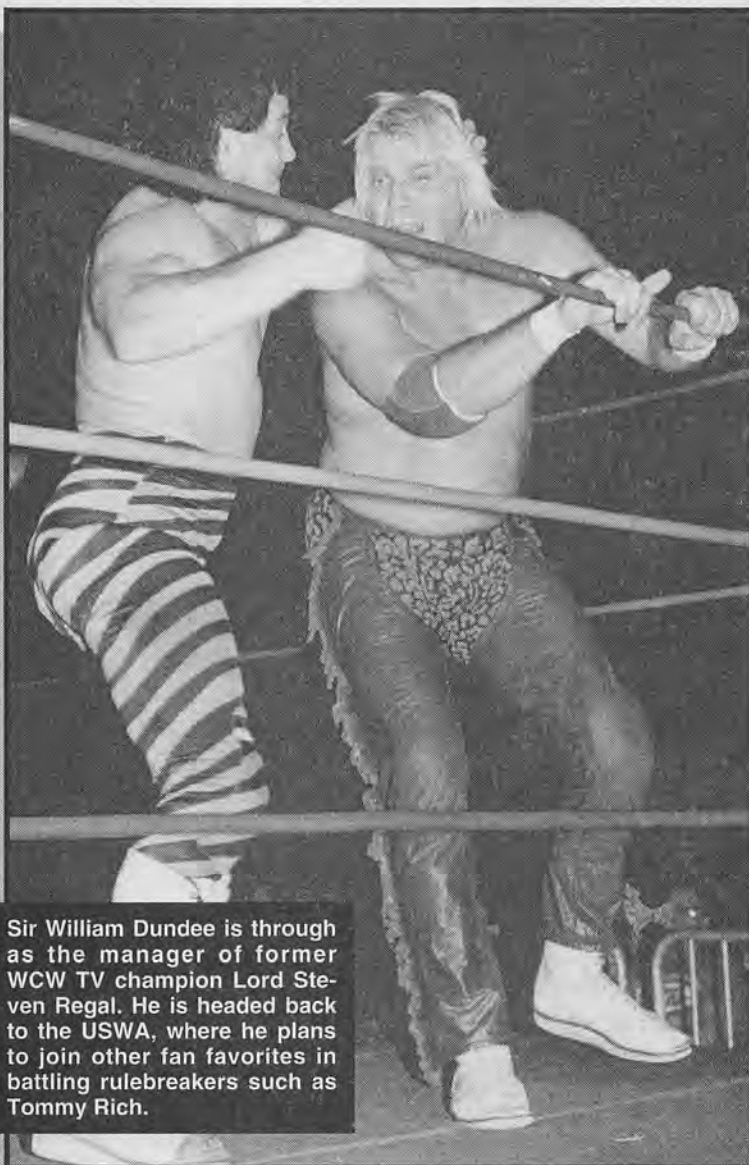
Nonetheless, Beefcake is now part of **The Three Faces of Fear** along with **Kevin Sullivan** and **Avalanche**. If you ask me, Beefcake's actions were those of a desperate man. His career hadn't been going the way he had hoped since his parasailing accident in 1990. He needed to do something to get himself back into contention for a major title. But turning against Hogan won't help him in the long run.

I think it will take an incredible effort for Beefcake to beat Hogan. Incidentally, Hogan might have a new protege soon; he wants to help jumpstar **Brian Pillman's** career.

A lot of managerial shakeups in WCW: **Sir William Dundee** has left the federation and will now be *competing* on the side of **Brian Christopher** and **Jerry Lawler** in the USWA; **Harley Race** added **Steve Austin** to his stable (see "Wrestling Enquirer" on page 96); and **Sherri Martel** is now overseeing the career of **Harlem Heat**. **Stevie Ray** and **Booker T** are back after a brief hiatus and they look meaner than ever.



Brutus Beefcake makes his opinion of Hulk Hogan abundantly clear. Beefcake is now part of The Three Faces of Fear and is hoping to revitalize his own slumping career at the expense of the "Hulkster."



Sir William Dundee is through as the manager of former WCW TV champion Lord Steven Regal. He is headed back to the USWA, where he plans to join other fan favorites in battling rulebreakers such as Tommy Rich.

Also in WCW now are **The Fantastics—Bobby Fulton and Tommy Rogers**—and they look great. The most dangerous team in WCW, however, looks to be **The Nasty Boys. Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs** were voted 1994's Tag Team of the Year by the readers of this magazine and the way they're going, they could repeat in 1995.

Fresh off a Halloween Havoc victory over **Bunkhouse Buck and Terry Funk**, the Nastys have beaten **Paul Orndorff and Paul Roma**, who won the World tag title from **Marcus Bagwell and The Patriot** at Havoc, in non-title matches.

By the way, I'm hearing rumors that **The Road Warriors** are talking about reuniting sometime next year. If they do, maybe we won't hear anyone complain about how bad tag team wrestling is these days.

As mentioned previously, Lord Steven Regal no longer has Sir William, but he might be thinking

about doing a little managing himself. His Lordship is scouting **Jean-Paul LeVeque** very carefully and likes what he sees.

I like what I see in **Johnny B. Badd**. The WCW TV champion is stuck in a feud with **The Honky Tonk Man**. It's amazing to me that some people think HTM is a wrestler who talks big but can't wrestle at all. He has given Badd a tough time match after match. One man who never underestimates Honky Tonk is Honky Tonk himself. He now asks that fans leave tips for him at ringside because he is such a great wrestler and entertainer.

I know **Dusty Rhodes** says he isn't interested in making a full-time comeback, but notice how he continues to wrestle. He and **Dustin** are beating the stuffing out of **Arn Anderson** and **Bunkhouse Buck**. I bet Dusty was rooting for **George Foreman** to beat **Michael Moorer**.

Bob Backlund continues to make big news in the WWF. As of this writing, he was still preparing for his Survivor Series match against **Bret Hart**. He was also talking about challenging **Lex Luger, The Undertaker**, and **Davey Boy Smith**.

One of the more bizarre feuds developing in the WWF is one between Undertaker and **Irwin R. Schyster**. The taxman is trying to get Undertaker riled up by going to graveyards and making fun of dead people, some of whom he calls tax cheats.

The feud between **Tatanka** and **Lex Luger** continues to roll on. I attended a WWF TV taping and was stunned to see **Owen Hart** rescue Tatanka from Luger's

"torture rack." Maybe this means Owen's feud with Bret is finally over.

Shawn Michaels is back after missing several weeks with a broken hand. He and **Diesel** are again defending the WWF World tag team title, but I hear there is still a lot of tension between them. **Diesel** wanted to defend the belts in handicap matches while the "Heartbreak Kid" was out, but Shawn apparently wasn't too keen on the idea of Diesel risking his share of the championship. Can't blame him for that.

The Smokin' Gunns weren't considered by many to be serious contenders to the tag team belts, but I think it's time we gave **Bart** and **Billy** the credit they deserve. They are doing well in a series of matches against **The Heavenly Bodies**.

Another team to watch out for is **The Kid** and

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from the desk of...
Stuart M. Saks

The Heisman Trophy winner is selected by the nation's college football writers. The major league MVP is selected by the baseball writers. The NFL Pro Bowl representatives are selected by the players.

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Later in this special issue, you'll get to see the results of this year's poll, but just for fun, I've compiled a list of quirky facts and trivia based on past polls. (By the way, if you've picked up on any facts along the same vein, let me know).

While we published winners in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975, we did not list the runners-up. I recently searched all the office records and contacted the editors in power at the time, but have failed to find the complete results of those polls... I did miserably in my probability course in college, but I would say that with so many people voting for these awards, the odds of a tie are extremely long. Well, it happened twice: Jack Brisco and Fred Curry received the same number of votes for 1972 Most Popular Wrestler of the Year and "Cowboy" Bob Orton and Tony Garea finished in a flatfooted tie for 1973 Rookie of the Year... There are two 1972 award winners who are still active: The Sheik (Most Hated)

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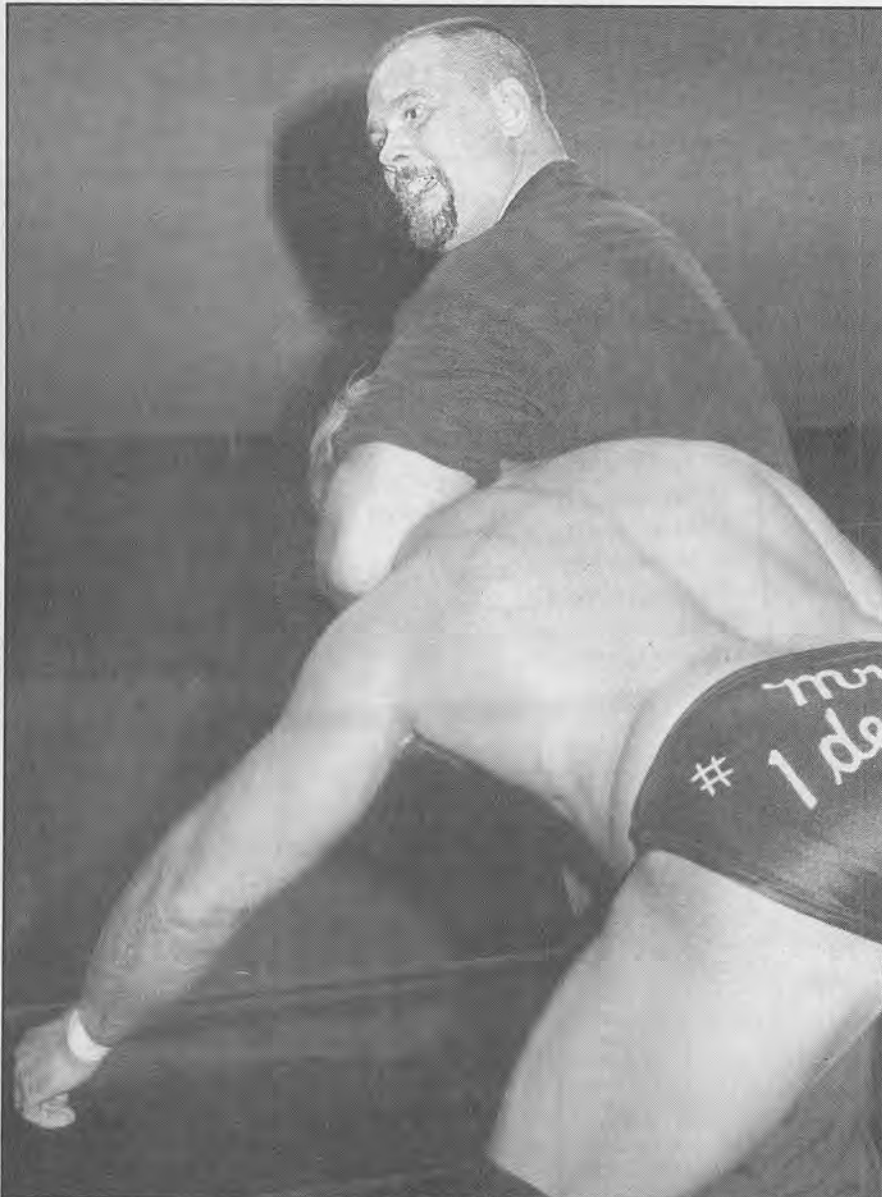
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It was a strange year for this WCW fan favorite. Big Bossman became The Boss, then The Man, then, finally, The Guardian Angel. What identities might he use in 1995?

JUST ONE WORD. That's all I need to explain the events in the world of wrestling in 1994. That word is inexplicable. Some of the year's remarkable transformations saw Hulk Hogan become WCW World champion, Bob Backlund become a rulebreaker, and Vince McMahon become a friend of the people.

Change is good, and here is a refresher course on what was a very good year.

December 27, 1993: Ric Flair avoids a forced retirement by defeating Big Van Vader for the WCW World title. The "Nature Boy" spends the night at home with his wife and kids instead of in a hotel with champagne and shapely groupies.

January 6, 1994: Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is attacked by an unknown assailant with a club. An investigation discovers that people associated with rival skater Tonya Harding are the prime suspects. I know, I didn't think this had anything to do with wrestling when it first happened, either.

January 15: Former WWF tough guy Big Bossman officially changes his name to The Boss now that he is in WCW. Musician Bruce Springsteen files a lawsuit.

February 23: Rape and sodomy charges brought against USWA heavyweight champion Jerry Lawler by a 14-year-old female fan in Louisville are dropped.

March 2: WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel orders The Boss to change his name after his poor showing as special referee in the Flair-Vader rematch at SuperBrawl IV. The Boss becomes The Man. Stan Stasiak files a lawsuit.

March 8: After an uninspiring performance at the Lillehammer Olympics, Tonya Harding declines a \$2-million offer to become a pro wrestler in Japan. The remarkably shrewd Harding later accepts an offer from an Oregon judge to work for free in a soup kitchen.

March 15: After losing part of his

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ear in a match against Big Van Vader, Cactus Jack poses for gruesome photographs before going to the hospital, where doctors determine that he has also lost part of his mind.

March 16: Nobukazu Hirai defeats Tokimitsu Ishizawa. There, I said it. And exactly how much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

March 20: Shawn Michaels is cleared of any future rape and sodomy charges after falling from a 10-foot ladder and landing with the ropes directly between his legs at WrestleMania X.

April 14: Jesse Ventura wins his lawsuit against TitanSports and is awarded \$809,958 by a federal jury in Minnesota for videotape royalties withheld by the WWF. In an unrelated incident, the price of foam tombstone souvenirs sold at WWF cards doubles.

April 26: Charles Austin wins his lawsuit against TitanSports and is awarded \$26.7-million by a federal jury in Florida for paralyzing injuries suffered in a WWF match. The price of foam tombstone souvenirs rises to \$140.

May 20: "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly is hospitalized after being DDT'd by Jake Roberts. Roberts' lawyers say they plan to use the temporary sanity defense.

May 22: Cactus Jack and Kevin Sullivan defeat The Nasty Boys for the WCW World tag team title at Slamboree in Philadelphia. Just as he did during his days with the Philadelphia Flyers, special referee and former goon Dave "The Hammer" Schultz was holding a hockey stick for no particular reason.

June 3: On an ECW card in Pennsylvania, The Sandman enters the ring with a cigarette in his mouth and immediately becomes my favorite wrestler.

June 11: Hulk Hogan signs with WCW. Later that evening, several cows are seen jumping over the moon.

June 15: As his lawyer fees continue to mount, The Man changes his name to The Guardian Angel. Radio personality Curtis Sliwa files a lawsuit.

June 17: The tag team of O.J. Simpson and A.C. Cowlings finally submits to the Los Angeles Police Department in a falls-count-anywhere match in Los Angeles viewed by an estimated 95 million people.

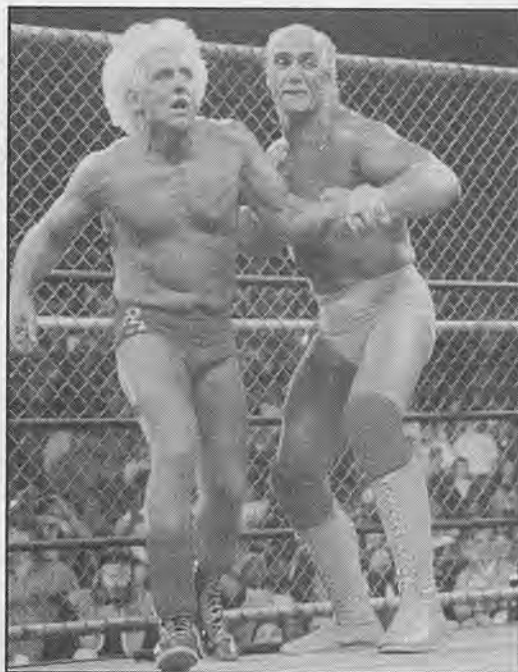
June 22: For considerably more money than her soup kitchen gig but considerably less than \$2-million, Tonya Harding makes her wrestling debut, managing American Love Machine in a six-man tag team match in Washington.

July 4: WWF referee Joey Marella, the son of extremely confused announcer Gorilla Monsoon, dies in a car accident in New Jersey. Publisher Stu Saks hits *PWI* columnists with one-month moratorium on Gorilla Monsoon jokes. Columnists retaliate with one-month fire sale on Stu Saks jokes.

July 17: Hulk Hogan wins the WCW World title from Ric Flair in his federation debut. Flair retreats to a hotel suite, drowning his sorrows in champagne and accepting the emotional support of shapely groupies.

July 22: A federal jury in New York finds WWF head Vince McMahon innocent of all steroid charges. The price of foam tombstone souvenirs is reduced to \$8.

August 2: The Guardian Angel finally decides on a permanent identity, changing his name to Angel. Jockey Angel Cordero files



Ric Flair wrestled the final bout of his career in 1994, losing a retirement match to Hulk Hogan at Halloween Havoc. Chris Bernucca is not the only one who will miss watching the "Nature Boy" in the ring.

a lawsuit.

August 15: Bob Backlund makes a full-fledged turn to rule-breaking, attacking WWF employee Lou Gianfriddo. Senior Editor Bill Apter denounces Backlund's change of heart, then buys a handgun to keep in his desk.

August 20: After yet another victory over an overmatched female opponent, WWF World Women's champion Alundra Blayze says she wants a man. I'd be honored, Miss Blayze, but I don't think my fiancée would approve.

October 6: Boston College 30, Notre Dame 11. The Irish now have two losses, removing them from the national championship picture. Like we said, it was a good year.

October 23: The career of Ric Flair comes to an end when he loses a retirement match to Hogan. We'll miss you, Ric. You will always be the man. □

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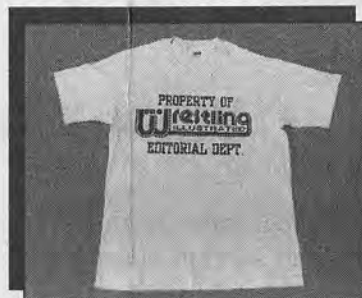


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Which of the following wrestlers did Lex Luger not defeat to capture one of his four U.S. heavyweight titles?

- 1) Nikita Koloff
- 2) Dusty Rhodes
- 3) Michael Hayes
- 4) Stan Hansen

True or False: Dusty Rhodes was once managed by rulebreaking manager Gary Hart.

- 1) True
- 2) False

How did Ric Flair severely injure his back in October 1975?

- 1) Airplane crash
- 2) Ring injury
- 3) Automobile accident
- 4) None of the above

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By Craig Peters



The lovely Woman

YOUR YEAR-END "TOP 10 LISTS"

In the January 1995 issue, I asked readers to send in a whole bunch of stuff: "Unofficial/Official" awards for the year just past (see page 59), predictions for what will happen in the sport in the coming year (see page 64), and your David Letterman-style "Top 10 Lists" (keep reading):

TOP 10 THINGS THAT MAKE ECW BETTER THAN THE WWF:

- 10—Excessive use of chairs
- 9—They don't have long, boring matches nobody cares about
- 8—Woman is better-looking than Gorilla Monsoon
- 7—Joey Styles' jokes are actually funny
- 6—ECW videos are better and cheaper than the WWF's
- 5—Blood
- 4—No clowns, race-car drivers, dead guys, cowboys, atomic bombs, rappers, country music singers, or garbage men
- 3—I'd rather watch Sabu vs. 2 Cold Scorpio than Doink vs. Jeff Jarrett

2—The fans can get involved in ECW matches

... and the number-one thing that makes ECW better than the WWF:

- 1—Sabu, Shane Douglas, Terry Funk, 911, and Woman

—Luke Hadley, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

2—Soul Asylum (The Undertaker & Cactus Jack)

... and the number-one rock band name that could be a wrestling tag team:

- 1—10,000 Maniacs (the Hart family)

—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, Nevada

TOP 10 ROCK BAND NAMES THAT COULD BE WRESTLING TAG TEAMS:

- 10—Ugly Kid Joe (Bastion Booger, The Kid, & Joey Maggs)
- 9—White Zombie (Col. DeBeers & The Undertaker)
- 8—Belly (Dusty Rhodes & Yokozuna)
- 7—Motorhead (Diesel & Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly)
- 6—Tool (Hacksaw Duggan, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, & Nailz)
- 5—Circus Of Power (Doink The Clown & Steve Williams)
- 4—Kiss (Johnny B. Badd & Rick Rude)
- 3—Faith No More (Bob Backlund & Tatanka)

THE WWF'S ALL-TIME TOP 10 ATROCITIES:

- 10—The Lex Express tour
- 9—Casket matches
- 8—Sapphire
- 7—Rocco
- 6—Papa Shango's curse on The Ultimate Warrior
- 5—Terry Taylor as The Red Rooster
- 4—Bad News Brown's "Harlem Sewer Rats"
- 3—Hulk Hogan friendship bracelets
- 2—Get Well Matilda cards
- ... and the number-one all-time WWF atrocity:
- 1—The "New Generation"

—Richard Evans, Gulfport, Mississippi

THE TOP 10 THINGS YOU WILL NEVER SEE:

- 10—Dusty Rhodes ordering one platter
- 9—Jim Cornette without his tennis racket
- 8—Mikey Whipwreck as a world champion
- 7—Randy Savage in a normal outfit
- 6—The Kid standing sideways
- 5—Mabel's neck
- 4—Vader's opponent healthy after a match
- 3—An unbroken table in Sabu's house
- 2—Bill Apter's hair

... and the number-one thing you will never see:

- 1—Razor Ramon wearing deodorant
—John M. Pluto,
Pottstown, Pennsylvania

TOP 10 REASONS HULK HOGAN JOINED WCW:

- 10—The Disney/MGM theme park is almost as big a circus as

the WWF

- 9—Wanted to show up Carol Alt's superior acting skills
- 8—That *Mr. Nanny* sequel never came through
- 7—Still has a warehouse full of "Hulkamania" merchandise to unload
- 6—The chance to find Mr. T steady work again
- 5—Vince McMahon wanted him to come back wearing a Doink wig
- 4—Got so used to saying "Well, you know, 'Mean' Gene ..." he couldn't go anywhere else
- 3—That long talk with Cactus Jack really made sense
- 2—Was afraid Tonya Harding would sign with a major organization before him

... and the number-one reason Hulk Hogan joined WCW:

- 1—He finally learned another move
—Steven Blance,
Flushing, New York

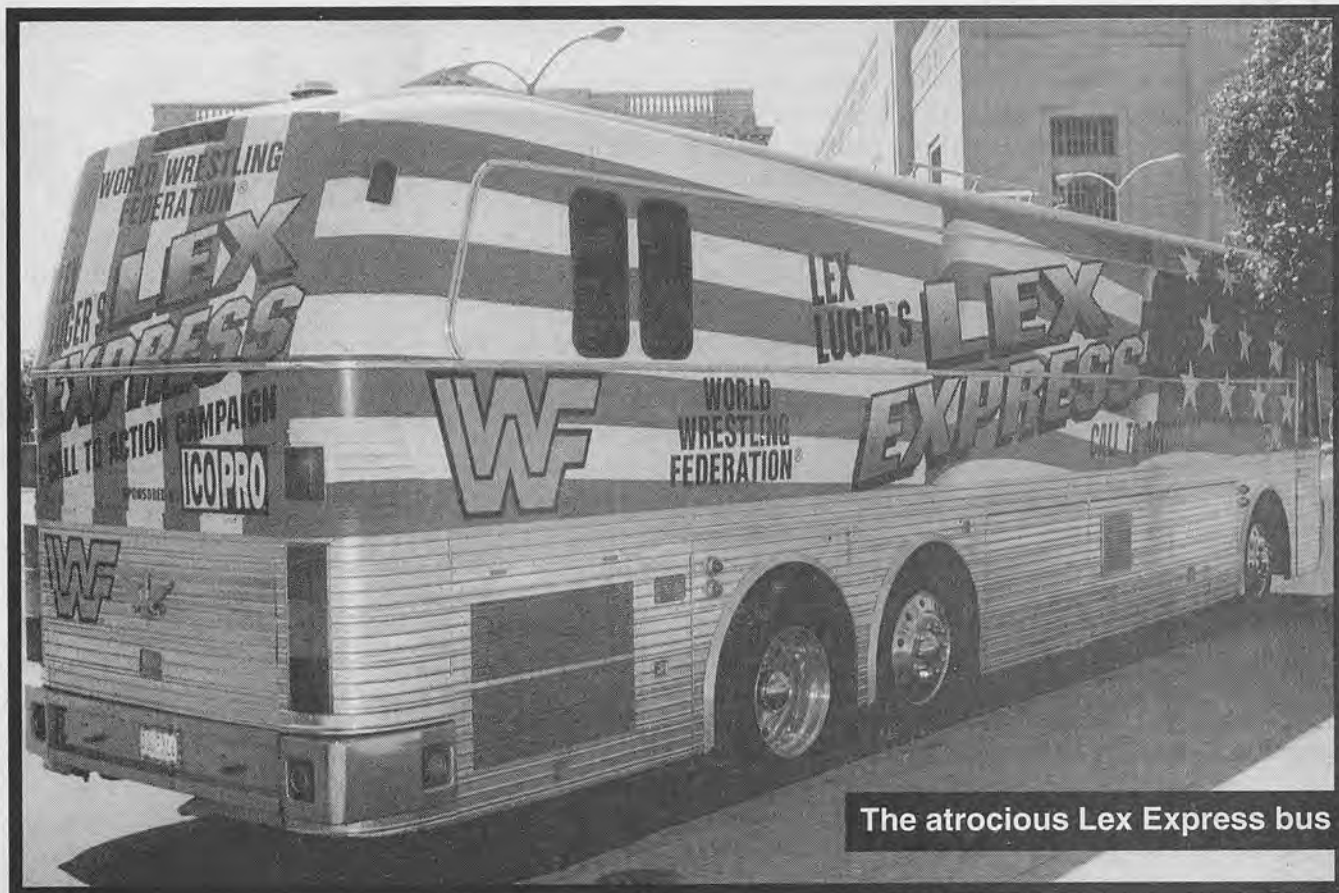
TOP 10 REASONS WHY BOB BACKLUND SNAPPED:

- 10—Tired of suppressing the life-long urge to break a journalist's arm
- 9—Still bitter over not being on *The Wrestling Album*
- 8—Wanted to impress Bull Nakano
- 7—Irked that he was never given cool ring entrance music
- 6—Jockstrap on too tight
- 5—Felt that Cruel Connection II was stealing the spotlight
- 4—Brain knocked loose by Yokozuna at '93 Royal Rumble
- 3—Overwhelming need to show off his "mighty chicken wing"
- 2—Cannon Towels asked him to be their spokesman

... and the number-one reason why Bob Backlund snapped:

- 1—Realized he'd never be half the man that Virgil is

—Gil Logan,
Richmond, Virginia □



The atrocious Lex Express bus



If there were an award for Most Obnoxious Wrestler in the WWF, Jeff Jarrett would be a favorite to win it. He could probably become a superstar if he just focused on wrestling, not annoying the fans.

BASEBALL HAD A strike. Hockey had a lockout. At least they're still playing basketball and football.

And they are still wrestling. Despite steroid trials, forced retirements, and disgraced championships, the wrestlers are still wrestling.

Sure, there aren't any unions in wrestling, and in many ways that is a bad thing. Most of the sport's athletes sacrifice their bodies on a nightly basis in exchange for a paycheck that is relatively small when compared to salaries of other pros of their caliber. Because they're involved in a high-risk profession, it's hard for wrestlers to obtain health insurance. A strong union would not solve all their problems, but it would help.

But as sure as Hulk Hogan is the "Hulkster," wrestlers will never unionize. Most pride themselves on being free spirits ... independent contractors. They want to maintain the ability to shop their services. Collective bargaining? They wouldn't tie themselves down that way.

So Bret Hart and Big Van Vader are not going to hit the picket lines. And Vince McMahon and Ted Turner are not

win or lose draw

BY ANDY RODRIGUEZ

going to lock them out. They all have a good thing going, despite the flaws.

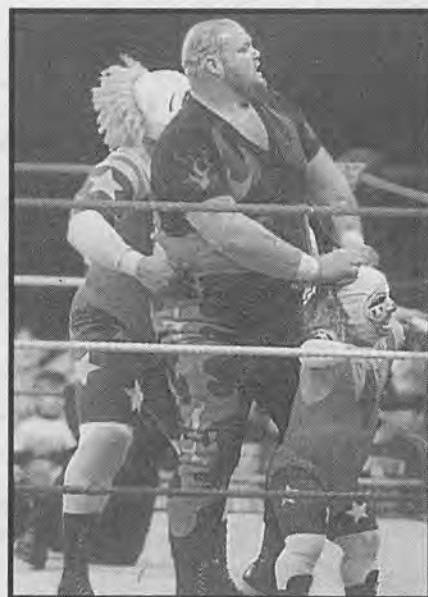
No, there was no strike in wrestling in 1994. But considering the following developments, maybe there should have been one.

Start in Japan. If there had been a strike there, Rick and Scott Steiner probably would have spent more time in North America. The brothers have stayed away for much too long. There isn't a tag team anywhere that can match their combination of toughness and brilliance.

"Double-J" Jeff Jarrett did his best to make The Honky Tonk Man look like the true reincarnation of Elvis. When Jarrett decides to concentrate solely on wrestling, he'll be on his way to becoming one of the sport's superstars. Until then, he's just whistling Dixie ... very badly.

The feud between WWF World champion Bret Hart and his younger brother Owen may be exciting, but it's also sad. Though it is mainly Owen's fault, both men should have been able to resolve their differences peacefully. Let's hope that there will be less heartache for the Hart family in 1995.

First, there was Doink. He was bad enough, even as a fan favorite. Then we started to see more and more of



The WWF became even more of a circus in 1994. Doink the Clown brought his midget pal Dink—and later Wink and Pink—onto the scene. Bam Bam Bigelow and many others were not amused by their antics.

Dink, his midget friend. Then along came Wink and Pink. True, in recent years the sport has become more of a circus, but these clowns should squeeze themselves back into that little car.

Racism is a big issue in wrestling again, thanks to The Gangstas in Smoky Mountain. Unfortunately, they

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TAKE US ON!



#1: Big Ben



#2: Ace Stevens



#3: Jaeger van Dorn



#4: Bodybag Jones



#5: Wildfire Johnny Rage



#6: Eric Darkstrom



#7: Nook the Secret Weapon



#8: Derek Craven



#9: El Diablo Sanchez



#10: Tygar Singh

WEAR-DOWN HOLDS

1. AIRPLANE SPIN
2. ARMBAR
3. ARMDRAG
4. ARMLOCK
5. ARM STRETCH
6. ARM WHIP
7. ASIAN SPIKE
8. BEAR HUG
9. BITING
10. BODY SLAM
11. BODY TACKLE
12. CHICKEN WING
13. CHOKE
14. CLAW
15. CLOTHESLINE
16. CROSS BODY BLOCK
17. DOUBLE AXEHANDLE
18. DROP KICK
19. EAGLE SPLIT
20. ELBOW SMASH
21. EYE GOUGE
22. FACE RAKE
23. FIREMAN'S CARRY RAM
24. FLYING BODY PRESS
25. FLYING CLOTHESLINE
26. FLYING DROP KICK
27. FLYING ELBOW DROP
28. FLYING HEAD BUTT
29. FLYING MARE
30. FOREARM SMASH
31. FOREIGN OBJECT
32. FULL NELSON
33. GIANT SWING
34. GRAPEVINE
35. HAIR PULLING
36. HAMMERLOCK
37. HEAD LOCK
38. HEAD STOMP
39. HEART PUNCH
40. HIP ROLL
41. IRISH WHIP
42. KNEE DROP
43. LEGLOCK
44. MANAGER INTERFERENCE
45. MONKEY FLIP
46. OVERHEAD TOSS
47. POLE RAM
48. REVERSE CHINLOCK
49. ROLLING SCISSIONS
50. ROPE BURN
51. SAVATE KICK
52. SCISSIONS GRIP
53. SHOULDER BREAKER
54. SLINGSHOT
55. SNAP MARE
56. STEP-OVER TOE HOLD
57. SUPLEX
58. SURFBOARD
59. TURNBUCKLE SMASH
60. WRISTLOCK

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SET-UP HOLDS

61. ABDOMINAL STRETCH
62. ATOMIC DROP
63. AVALANCHE
64. BACKBREAKER
65. BACKROLL PRESS
66. BELLY TO BELLY
67. BIG SPLASH
68. BOSTON CRAB
69. BRAIN BUSTER
70. BULLDOG
71. CAMEL CLUTCH
72. COBRA CLUTCH
73. CRADLE
74. CRUCIFIX
75. DDT
76. FIGURE FOUR
77. FLYING LEG DROP
78. GOURD BUSTER
79. INDIAN DEATH LOCK
80. NECKBREAKER
81. PILEDRIVER
82. POWER BOMB
83. POWER SLAM
84. RUSSIAN SICKLE
85. SLEEPER
86. SLINGSHOT SUPLEX
87. SMALL PACKAGE
88. SPINE BUSTER
89. SUNSET FLIP
90. SUPERPLEX

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WRESTLER'S NAME (NO ACTUAL PRO WRESTLER NAMES, PLEASE) _____

WRESTLER'S HEIGHT _____

WRESTLER'S WEIGHT _____

SPECIAL GIMMICK OR DESCRIPTION OF WRESTLER _____

MANAGER'S NAME (IF NOT YOU) _____

Wear-Down Holds: Choose 10 from the list of 60 shown at left. List them in the order to be used. Use each hold only once

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____

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Finishing Hold: Create your custom final maneuver or choose a hold from the 90 shown. Limit the length to 20 letters and spaces

FINISHING HOLD _____

Opponents: Check the numbers of the men you want your wrestler to go against from the 10 at the top. Remember to enclose \$1⁰⁰ for each.

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(Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the letter writers and Eddie Ellner himself. They do not necessarily reflect the editorial views of this magazine.)

Dear Eddie,

What do you think of the Backlund thing? Will it become the greatest sports story this decade if he regains the title and holds it for six years again?

BRITTA LANSKY
Detroit

Dear Britta,

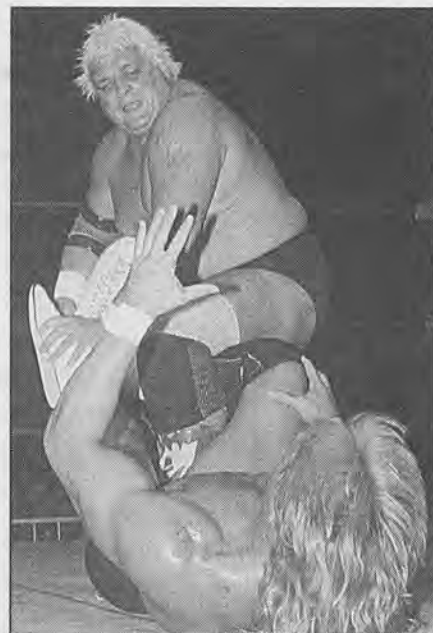
The era of the six-year champion is over. Short attention spans and persistent federation hopping won't allow one man to dominate. Timing is everything, and Backlund is experiencing the deliciousness of the cosmic ebb and flow. He didn't deserve to lose his belt in the first place, but he was helpless when the forces of nature produced "Hulkamania." Today, the federation's champion is distracted by family squabbles and momentum has

hitched itself to Backlund's white pasty body.

Dear Eddie,

I think the amazing performance by George Foreman will encourage a whole slew of wrestlers to return to the ring. Make room for Dusty Rhodes.

TIMOTHY ORION
Calabassas, CA



George Foreman becomes heavyweight boxing champion. Does that mean ol' Dusty will make a full-time comeback, too? I hope not. They may both be old and fat, but at least Foreman has some talent.

Dear Timmy,

Boxers work twice a year. At 70 years of age, even Lou Thesz could muster up the energy to wrestle once a year. There is no comparison between the two sports: Wrestling is a year-long marathon, while boxing is a mile run. Wrestlers—and other over-the-hill athletes looking to George for inspiration to return to their field—are missing the point of his triumph. Foreman's self-effacing modesty belies the fact he is one of the most unique physical specimens of our time. Comparing him to Dusty Rhodes

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THE YEAR IS over? Again? And I suppose they want year-end awards and another tidy little summation. Yes, they do.

Letter of the Year goes to Mrs. Edna Wingdall of Bishop Heights, North Dakota. Edna predicted in March that Hulk Hogan would be double-crossed by a close friend. Edna, an ordained witch and herbologist, arrived at this startling conclusion by reading the entrails of her pet rabbit—some of which she included in her letter. But who are we to argue with success? Sally Jones of Waco, Texas, wins the award for Best Penmanship, while Kyle Natale, who is studying turtles in the Galapagos Islands, wins for Prettiest Postage.

In the pro ranks, Arnold Skaaland retires the Who Is He Now Award to put alongside his prestigious Who Was He Ever Trophy. Bret Hart captures the award given to the Wrestler Most Likely to Appear on *Melrose Place*.



Announcer of the Year goes to Jesse Ventura. Network of the Year goes to ESPN2, because you won't find Vince McMahon or Ted Turner anywhere on it. There. Now when do I get my bonus?

Arnold Skaaland ought to thank Bob Backlund for putting him in the chicken wing. It was the first time anyone paid any attention to the old geezer in at least a decade.

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PWI's Top 10



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TOP 10

- 1 BRET HART**
234, Calgary, Alberta
(2) WWF World champion
- 2 RAZOR RAMON**
287, Miami, FL
(3) WWF Intercontinental champion
- 3 HACKSAW DUGGAN**
280, Glens Falls, NY
(5) U.S. heavyweight champion
- 4 HULK HOGAN**
275, Venice Beach, CA
(1) WCW World champion
- 5 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
(-) No. 3 contender: WCW World title
- 6 BOB BACKLUND**
234, Princeton, MN
(7) No. 4 contender: WWF World title
- 7 THE UNDERTAKER**
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(4) No. 2 contender: WWF World title
- 8 KING KONG BUNDY**
446, Atlantic City, NJ
(-) No. 3 contender: WWF World title
- 9 JOHNNY B. BADD**
235, Macon, GA
(-) WCW TV champion
- 10 CHRIS CANDIDO**
226, Carteret, NJ
(-) NWA heavyweight champion

TAG TEAMS

- 1 MARCUS BAGWELL & THE PATRIOT**
Combined weight: 491 pounds
(2) WCW World tag team champions
- 2 PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA**
Combined weight: 488 pounds
(1) No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title
- 3 HARLEM HEAT**
Combined weight: 550 pounds
(-) No. 2 contenders: WCW World tag title
- 4 THE SMOKIN' GUNNS**
Combined weight: 465 pounds
(9) No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title
- 5 THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS**
Combined weight: 453 pounds
(10) No. 1 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title
- 6 THE NASTY BOYS**
Combined weight: 585 pounds
(3) No. 3 contenders: WCW World tag title
- 7 PUBLIC ENEMY**
Combined weight: 583 pounds
(8) ECW tag team champions
- 8 THE BUSHWHACKERS**
Combined weight: 499 pounds
(6) No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title
- 9 THE GANGSTAS**
Combined weight: 456 pounds
(5) Smoky Mountain tag team champions
- 10 THE MOONDOGS**
Combined weight: 450 pounds
(-) USWA tag team champions

WCW

World Champion: HULK HOGAN

- (C) 275, Venice Beach, CA
- 1—HACKSAW DUGGAN**
(1) 280, Glens Falls, NY
 - 2—JOHNNY B. BADD**
(2) 235, Macon, GA
 - 3—STING**
(8) 260, Venice Beach, CA
 - 4—BIG VAN VADER**
(3) 450, Denver, CO
 - 5—AVALANCHE**
(-) 502, Montreal, Quebec
 - 6—STEVE AUSTIN**
(4) 241, Dallas, TX
 - 7—THE HONKY TONK MAN**
(6) 278, Memphis, TN
 - 8—DUSTIN RHODES**
(5) 254, Austin, TX
 - 9—BRUTUS BEEFCAKE**
(-) 273, San Francisco, CA
 - 10—THE GUARDIAN ANGEL**
(7) 310, Cobb County, GA

WWF

World Champion: BRET HART

- (C) 234, Calgary, Alberta
- 1—RAZOR RAMON**
(1) 287, Miami, FL
 - 2—THE UNDERTAKER**
(4) 328, parts unknown
 - 3—KING KONG BUNDY**
(8) 446, Atlantic City, NJ
 - 4—BOB BACKLUND**
(3) 234, Princeton, MN
 - 5—OWEN HART**
(10) 227, Calgary, Alberta
 - 6—DAVEY BOY SMITH**
(-) 245, Leeds, England
 - 7—LEX LUGER**
(6) 265, Chicago, IL
 - 8—TATANKA**
(7) 250, Pembroke, NC
 - 9—IRWIN R. SCHYSTER**
(9) 248, Syracuse, NY
 - 10—MABEL**
(-) 503, Harlem, NY

USWA

USWA Champion: SID VICIOUS

- (C) 318, West Memphis, AR
- 1—TOMMY RICH**
(1) 248, Hendersonville, TN
 - 2—BUDDY LANDELL**
(4) 236, Los Angeles, CA
 - 3—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER**
(-) 230, Memphis, TN
 - 4—JERRY LAWLER**
(3) 234, Memphis, TN
 - 5—DOUG GILBERT**
(-) 241, Lexington, TN
 - 6—BILL DUNDEE**
(-) 219, Melbourne, Australia
 - 7—SPELLBINDER**
(5) 246, parts unknown
 - 8—JEFF GAYLORD**
(6) 280, St. Louis, MO
 - 9—DOUG BASHAM**
(-) 228, Memphis, TN
 - 10—MOONDOG REX**
(7) 289, parts unknown

ECW

ECW Champion: SHANE DOUGLAS

- (C) 223, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1—RON SIMMONS**
(5) 260, Perry, GA
 - 2—SABU**
(1) 220, Bombay
 - 3—DEAN MALENKO**
(8) 216, Tampa, FL
 - 4—TOMMY DREAMER**
(6) 245, Yonkers, NY
 - 5—TASMANIAC**
(7) 221, Tasmania
 - 6—911**
(2) 310, parts unknown
 - 7—2 COLD SCORPIO**
(-) 222, Denver, CO
 - 8—THE SANDMAN**
(4) 244, Philadelphia, PA
 - 9—BRIAN PILLMAN**
(-) 226, Cincinnati, OH
 - 10—TOMMY CAIRO**
(-) 257, Philadelphia, PA

OFFICIAL RATINGS

Top 10 and Tag Team ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and inherent skill of each wrestler or team. These ratings are compiled by the magazine's editorial board. Most Popular and Most Hated ratings are based on nationwide telephone and arena surveys of wrestling fans and on the volume and character of mail that comes to our offices. All other ratings are based on the official current positions of challengers to the top title in each category; certain titleholders receive an automatic spot in the ratings. The number in parentheses indicates a wrestler's position in that category last issue; (-) indicates that the wrestler was not rated in that category last issue, while (C) indicates the wrestler was champion in that category last issue.

MOST POPULAR

- 1 HULK HOGAN**
275, Venice Beach, CA
Last issue: No. 1 Most Popular
- 2 BRET HART**
234, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: No. 2 Most Popular
- 3 STING**
260, Venice Beach, CA
Last issue: No. 3 Most Popular
- 4 THE UNDERTAKER**
328, parts unknown
Last issue: No. 4 Most Popular
- 5 RAZOR RAMON**
287, Miami, FL
Last issue: No. 5 Most Popular
- 6 DAVEY BOY SMITH**
245, Leeds, England
Last issue: No. 6 Most Popular
- 7 HACKSAW DUGGAN**
280, Glens Falls, NY
Last issue: No. 7 Most Popular
- 8 LEX LUGER**
265, Chicago, IL
Last issue: No. 8 Most Popular
- 9 JOHNNY B. BADD**
235, Macon, GA
Last issue: No. 9 Most Popular
- 10 DUSTIN RHODES**
254, Austin, TX
Last issue: No. 10 Most Popular

MOST HATED

- 1 BOB BACKLUND**
234, Princeton, MN
Last issue: No. 1 Most Hated
- 2 BIG VAN VADER**
450, Denver, CO
Last issue: No. 2 Most Hated
- 3 TATANKA**
250, Pembroke, NC
Last issue: No. 3 Most Hated
- 4 JIM NEIDHART**
275, Tampa, FL
Last issue: No. 4 Most Hated
- 5 JERRY LAWLER**
234, Memphis, TN
Last issue: No. 5 Most Hated
- 6 RIC FLAIR**
243, Minneapolis, MN
Last issue: No. 6 Most Hated
- 7 SHAWN MICHAELS**
234, San Antonio, TX
Last issue: No. 7 Most Hated
- 8 OWEN HART**
227, Calgary, Alberta
Last issue: No. 8 Most Hated
- 9 DIESEL**
356, Las Vegas, NV
Last issue: No. 9 Most Hated
- 10 SHANE DOUGLAS**
223, Pittsburgh, PA
Last issue: No. 10 Most Hated

For period ended November 22, 1994

CUMULATIVE RATINGS

These ratings are based on the past 10 issues of this magazine. We have examined our ratings for each of these issues in our Top 10 and Tag Team categories only, and assigned each position a point value: 10 points for a first-place rating, nine for second place, and so on. The point values for all wrestlers in the past 10 issues have been compiled, with a possible maximum of 100 points. Each issue we'll present the top five finishers in each category. While our regular ratings reflect the past month, these cumulative ratings give an indication of wider trends in the sport.

SINGLES

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1—BRET HART..... | 97 points |
| 2—RIC FLAIR..... | 62 points |
| 3—STING..... | 56 points |
| 4—RAZOR RAMON..... | 55 points |
| 5—HULK HOGAN..... | 54 points |

TAG TEAMS

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1—THE NASTY BOYS..... | 69 points |
| 2—THE HEADSHRINKERS..... | 66 points |
| 3—PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA..... | 53 points |
| 4—MARCUS BAGWELL & THE PATRIOT..... | 46 points |
| 5—THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS..... | 37 points |

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

Smoky Mountain Champion:

TONY ANTHONY

(C) 235, Bucksnort, TN

- 1—CHRIS CANDIDO**
(-) 226, Carteret, NJ
- 2—TRACEY SMOTHERS**
(2) 227, Atlanta, GA
- 3—SCOTTY FLAMINGO**
(-) 224, West Palm Beach, FL
- 4—BRUISER BEDLAM**
(1) 235, Newark, NJ
- 5—BOO BRADLEY**
(3) 310, parts unknown
- 6—BRIAN LEE**
(-) 251, Los Angeles, CA
- 7—BRYANT ANDERSON**
(6) 240, Atlanta, GA
- 8—BOBBY BLAZE**
(-) 222, Charlotte, NC
- 9—CACTUS JACK**
(5) 277, Truth or Consequences, NM
- 10—LANCE STORM**
(4) 231, Memphis, TN

INTERNATIONAL

Triple Crown Champion:

TOSHIKAWA KAWADA

(C) 245, Tizhigi, Japan

- 1—STEVE WILLIAMS**
(1) 265, Norman, OK
- 2—SHINYA HASHIMOTO**
(2) 287, Gisu, Japan
- 3—MITSU HARU MISAWA**
(3) 247, Saitama, Japan
- 4—BIG VAN VADER**
(4) 450, Denver, CO
- 5—NOBUHIKO TAKADA**
(5) 231, Yokohama, Japan
- 6—KONNAN**
(6) 237, Mexico City, Mexico
- 7—KENTA KOBASHI**
(7) 261, Tokyo, Japan
- 8—CHRIS BENOIT**
(8) 218, Edmonton, Alberta
- 9—STAN HANSEN**
(9) 322, Borger, TX
- 10—PERRO AGUAYO**
(10) 215, Zacatecas, Mexico

AAA: AAA Champion—Konnan; 1—El Hijo Del Santo; 2—Octagon; 3—The Love Machine; 4—Eddy Guerrero; 5—Rey Mysterio Jr.; 6—La Parka; 7—Perro Aguayo; 8—Blue Panther; 9—Psicosis; 10—Cien Caras.

ACW: ACW Champion—T. Rantula; 1—Hacksaw Duggan; 2—Tito Santana; 3—Rick Martel; 4—Mr. Hughes; 5—Johnny Gunn; 6—Glenn Osbourne; 7—Max Thrasher; 8—Lord Zoltan; 9—Johnny Graham; 10—Scotty Flamingo.

IWCCW: IWCCW Champion—Tito Santana; 1—Greg Valentine; 2—Tony Atlas; 3—Jimmy Snuka; 4—Rick Martel; 5—The Funny Clown; 6—Metal Maniac; 7—Jim Powers; 8—Cousin Luke; 9—Gino Caruso; 10—Hacksaw Duggan.

MTW: MTW Champion—Machine Gun Kelly; 1—Johnny Paradise; 2—Chris Carter; 3—Rock Stevens; 4—Al Snow; 5—Bobo Brazil Jr.; 6—J.T. Lightning; 7—Scott Summers; 8—Denny Kass; 9—Mohammed Saad; 10—Bastion Booger.

PWA: PWA Champion—The Hater; 1—Tommy Ferrara; 2—Punisher; 3—Randy Gusto; 4—J.B. Trask; 5—Storm Trooper Aaron; 6—Hawk; 7—Charlie Norris; 8—Jerry Lynn; 9—Blake Beverly; 10—Storm Trooper Willie.

PWF: PWF Champion—Italian Stallion; 1—Russian Assassin II; 2—Terry Austin; 3—Austin Steele; 4—Star Ryder; 5—Chris Hamrick; 6—Black Scorpion; 7—Masked Maniac; 8—Flaming Youth; 9—Tyrone Knox; 10—Cruel Connection II.

WWA: WWA Champion—Friendly Frank; 1—Abdullah Singh; 2—Abdullah the Butcher; 3—Rick Conners; 4—Ramblin' Rich; 5—Duane Gill; 6—Striker; 7—Ed Atlas; 8—Ray Odyssey; 9—Gus the Greek; 10—Boy Gone Bad.

WWWA: WWWA Champion—Brutus Beefcake; 1—Jack Hammer; 2—Rick Martel; 3—Harley Lewis; 4—S.D. Jones; 5—The Zombie; 6—Glenn Osbourne; 7—Mad Russian; 8—Johnny Rebel; 9—Super Nova; 10—Mr. Haiti.

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 20 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

Missing in action? As you can see on page 20, WWF World tag team champions **Diesel** and **Shawn Michaels** are not ranked at all in the tag team ratings. Before you bombard our offices with letters, let us explain.

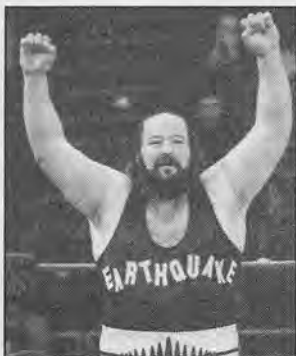
At press time, Michaels was sidelined with a broken right hand. He broke his hand during a match in mid-October, and hadn't wrestled since. Therefore, if Michaels and Diesel were not defending their belts, it wouldn't be fair to rate them above teams that are either holding or contending for titles.

Injuries have forced world champions out of the ratings before. Back in 1989, **Ric Flair** was sidelined with a neck injury after he was attacked by **Terry Funk**. Flair was regarded as the number-one wrestler in the world when the injury occurred, but he dropped out of the Top 10 until he returned to action.

WWF President **Jack Tunney** hasn't made any comment about whether he is thinking about stripping Diesel and Michaels. That could happen if they do not defend their championship at all within a 30-day period, but remember that **Hulk Hogan** went 70 days without defending the WWF World title in 1993 ... and he wasn't even injured.

Even if they are not stripped of the belts, they might find it hard to hold on to them once Michaels' hand heals. The "Heartbreak Kid" could be rusty, and **The Headshrinkers**, **The Smokin' Gunns**, **The Heavenly Bodies**, and **The Bushwhackers** are all gunning for those belts.

It's like the WWF all over again! What exactly is going on WCW? First **Hulk Hogan** arrives, then **The Honky Tonk Man**, **Meng** (formerly **King Haku**), **Brutus Beefcake** (who wants to be known as "**The Butcher**"), **Avalanche** (formerly



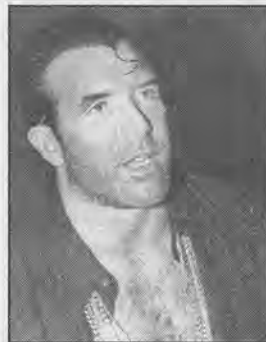
Avalanche

Earthquake) and **Hacksaw Duggan** follow close behind. **Randy Savage** could be next! It's like the old WWF—of about 1987—revisited! Never in our wildest dreams would we think that WCW would look like a carbon copy of the WWF a few years ago. Fans are hoping the hot action in WCW won't diminish with the addition of a few ex-WWF grapplers.

What do you think? Is WCW

adding too many WWF alumni? Some people say WCW had a lot of great young stars who were only getting better, but is now showing favoritism to Duggan, Honky Tonk, and the others.

The rise of the independents! There is great independent action all over the place. Extreme Championship Wrestling is one of the hottest promotions around and Smoky Mountain Wrestling and the USWA also boast good talent rosters.



Razor Ramon

Fans who attend independent cards often get to see up-and-coming stars honing their craft. More independent wrestlers are getting national recognition.

For example, **Tony Anthony** and **Sabu**, who wrestle for SMW and ECW, respectively, have both climbed into the Top 10 at one point or another in 1994. So did **Sid Vicious**, the current USWA champ. Vicious was rated in the Top 10 in the Winter 1994 issue of *PRO*

WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED and Anthony and Sabu have been in that spot in the past. It's not that the two main federations don't have a lot of talent, it's just that these wrestlers are that good.

A great year for the "Bad Guy." **Razor Ramon** used to be one of those wrestlers who never lived up to his potential. Now, with the capturing of his second WWF Intercontinental title, Ramon has buried all of his critics and developed into one of the most well-rounded wrestlers in the world today. His ladder match at WrestleMania X with **Shawn Michaels** was a classic, and he thoroughly dominated **Diesel** on his way to winning back the I-C belt.

He continues to dominate his competition (**Owen Hart** and **Jeff Jarrett** have both lost to him numerous times during the last few months), and it's nice to see an athlete do what we knew he could do all along. Maybe we'll be saying the same about **Lex Luger** around this time next year ...

That's about it! What are your thoughts on Diesel and Michaels? Should they be stripped of the straps? We'd love to find out your opinion on this issue and anything else concerning our ratings. Drop us a line at: "Ratings Analysis," c/o *PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED*, Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. □

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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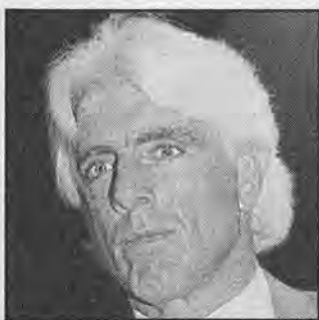
According to one popular saying, you can't figure out how far you've come unless you know where you've been. Apply the saying to wrestling and 1994 takes on an entirely different scope.

On January 1, 1994, Hulk Hogan was filming episodes of *Thunder In Paradise*. Ric Flair had avoided retirement by beating Big Van Vader at Starrcade '93. The wrestling world was bracing for the trials of Jerry Lawler and Vince McMahon Jr. Bret and Owen Hart had mended their brief rift. The WWF was up. WCW was having its problems.

And now? Hogan not only came out of retirement, he defeated Flair for the WCW World title. Flair couldn't survive a second retirement match as he lost to Hogan at Halloween Havoc '94. Charges against Lawler were dropped. McMahon was acquitted. Two other court cases, one involving former preliminary wrestler Charles Austin, and another involving commentator Jesse Ventura, made headlines. The War Between The Harts rages on. The WWF is having its problems. WCW has never had a better year.

Put on the defensive by steroid distribution charges, the WWF focused on fighting the federal charges. WCW picked off stars such as Hogan, Hacksaw Duggan, Brutus Beefcake, and Honky Tonk Man, as well as announcers Gene Okerlund and Bobby Heenan. The WWF was a distracted federation in 1994.

As 1994 turns to 1995, the WWF is still gasping for air. Bob Backlund, a World champion 11 years ago, is now the prime rule-breaker. Although Backlund vs. Bret Hart appeals to hardcore fans, the general public asks for more personality in its superstars.



1994 SAW the retirement of Ric Flair, after a fabulous 21-year career. Flair put his career on the line when he went after Hulk Hogan's WCW World title at Halloween Havoc, and he paid the price. Flair was pinned, but he went out in style. He complimented Hogan on a great match and reflected upon his career with pride. Wrestling has lost a superstar, but we cannot lament our losses. Let's be thankful for what we had.

1994 SAW the return of former WWF World champion Bob Backlund to prominence. But he did it as a rulebreaker, not as a fan favorite. Backlund's attack on former manager Arnold Skaaland disgusted the wrestling world and set off a Backlund vs. the world feud. But 11 years after losing the title, to Backlund was back where he wanted to be: in a position to regain the belt.



Meanwhile, the WWF World tag team champions are out of the ratings because Shawn Michaels has a broken hand.

It was a glorious year for WCW, which became energized by Hogan's presence. The other wrestlers in the federation seemed to pick up their games, too, and the result was some of the best WCW pay-per-views ever. On the bad side, however, WCW allowed Flair and Hogan to wrestle in a retirement match that robbed it of one of its biggest stars. WCW's best hope for the coming year is a feud between Hogan and Big Van Vader, pitting the two best big men in the sport against each other. Meanwhile, the tag team picture is gaining health, with The Nasty Boys, Paul Orndorff and Paul Roma, and Marcus Bagwell and The Patriot battling for the top position.

But WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel embarrassed the federation with some bad decisions, including one in which he allowed the suspended Flair to wrestle Hogan in Europe while under suspension in the United States. WWF President Jack Tunney also made a questionable decision when he ruled that both Lex Luger and Bret Hart—co-winners of the Royal Rumble—would each get shots at World champion Yokozuna at WrestleMania X.

Several independent federations earned the spotlight. ECW thrilled fans with its ultra-violent style of wrestling. SMW presented quality action. The USWA continued along as a respected mainstay. Global, on the other hand, went under.

Remember where we are as 1994 ends. A year from now, we'll want to know how far the sport has come. Wrestling is different now than it was in 1993. Change is usually good.



1994 SAW women grab the spotlight in a variety of ways. Alundra Blayze defended the WWF World Women's title, turning back the challenges of Luna Vachon and Bull Nakano. In ECW, Woman's ruthlessness angered fans. Sherri Martel brought her bad self to WCW and was fined \$25,000 by Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel. She might have cost Flair his career. And figure skater Tonya Harding flirted with a wrestling career and even made one appearance as a manager in Vancouver, Washington.

1994 SAW two of wrestling's most important figures survive potentially devastating legal problems. Charges against Jerry Lawler for raping and sodomizing a 14-year-old girl were dropped when the girl admitted to concocting her story. A federal jury acquitted Vince McMahon of charges he illegally distributed steroids to his wrestlers. The sport continues on after surviving these scares, but we can't help wondering what might have happened had these charges stuck.



1994 SAW ALL THIS—AND MUCH, MUCH MORE ...

THE YEAR
IN REVIEWWE THOUGHT *EVERYBODY* LOVED A PARADE

Well, we were wrong. Although WCW fans eventually accepted Hulk Hogan with open arms and turned him into a federation hero, you never would have known it by watching the welcoming parade WCW held for the "Hulkster" at Disney World in Orlando. The reception was lukewarm. The supposedly deafening crowd noise "Mean" Gene

Okerlund spoke about was barely a murmur. And Hogan looked embarrassed by the turnout. It wasn't a good day for his mammoth ego.

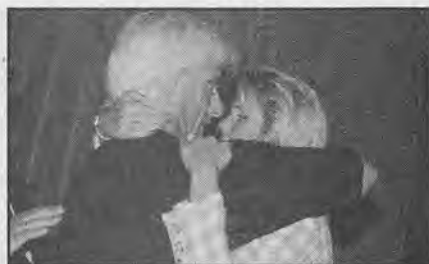
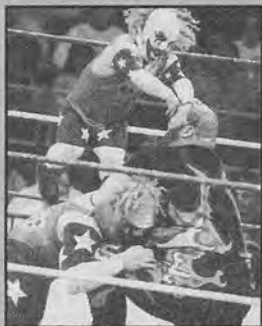
HOW TO GET INTO PRO WRESTLING. FIRST, BECOME A CHAMPION FIGURE SKATER. THEN, GET YOUR BOYFRIEND AND A COUPLE OF THUGS TO BEAT UP YOUR ARCH-RIVAL A MONTH BEFORE THE OLYMPICS. THEN WAIT FOR THE OFFERS TO ROLL IN.

Figure skater Tonya Harding received a \$2-million offer from All Japan Women to sign as a wrestler and eventually opted for a brief appearance in Washington as the manager of The American Love Machine. Harding, however, couldn't stand alongside the ring because she hadn't obtained a Washington state manager's license. The bout was aired live on local TV.



JUST WHEN HE WAS ALMOST FINISHED DEALING WITH THE CLOWN, THE DAMN MIDGET GOT HIM

For months, Bam Bam Bigelow had his hands full with Doink the Clown and Dink, his midget sidekick. Bigelow, who had no business being involved in such a ridiculous feud, teamed with Luna Vachon to defeat Doink and Dink at WrestleMania X. The matches did nothing for Bigelow's reputation; beating up on midgets and clowns isn't something to be proud of. At least it ended before Wink and Pink arrived.

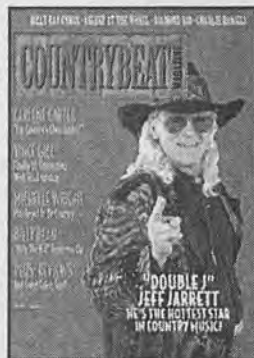


HERE'S FINAL PROOF THAT YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS. AT LEAST THIS NEW DOG

When 1993 ended, Ric Flair was a retirement-fearing family man who proudly showed off his wife and children prior to Starrcade '93—even though he also proudly displayed his maid, Fifi, during the months prior to the big match against Big Van Vader. What gave? Was Flair—who people assumed was a party-loving womanizer—really a family man who loved nothing more than Thursday nights in front of the TV set watching *Seinfeld*? The woman on the right—Beth Flair—holds the answer to our mystery. By the middle of 1994, however, Flair was seen only with Sherri Martel. It was pretty obvious that Flair was not a man who could play by the rules.

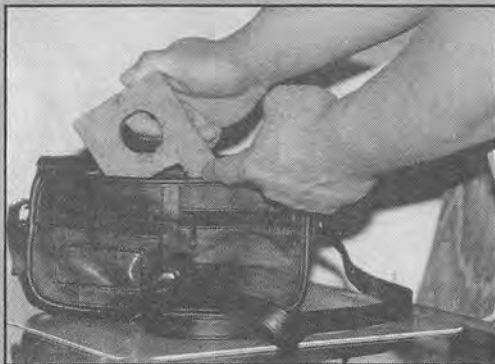
"GONNA SEE MY PICTURE ON THE COVER ... GONNA BUY FIVE COPIES FOR McMAHON ..."

Jeff Jarrett, who has called himself the greatest country music star of all-time, got a career boost when he appeared on the cover of *CountryBeat*, a country music magazine produced by the publishers of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED. Vince McMahon was amazed, then impressed. But did the country music world sit up and take notice? We're afraid not. The cover was a fraud—kind of like those vanity covers you can get in any shopping mall—and Jarrett's long-awaited recording contract never arrived in the mail.



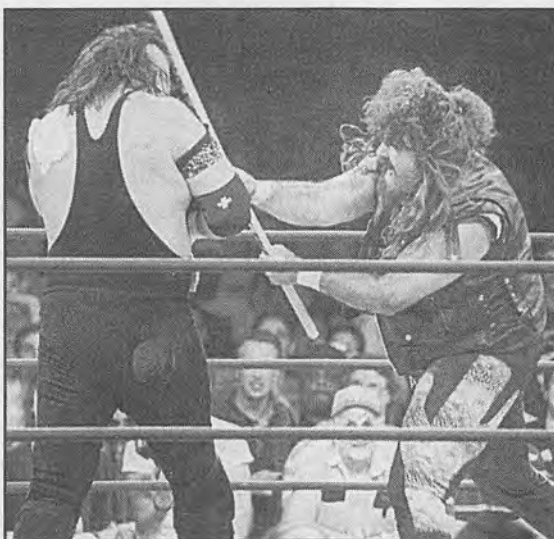
**THIS IS FOR YOU MEN
OUT THERE WHO
ALWAYS WONDERED
WHAT WOMEN CARRY
IN THOSE BIG BAGS**

Tammy Fytch insists that the purse she "accidentally" hits the opponents of her wrestlers with all the time isn't loaded. We don't want to call her a liar, but ...



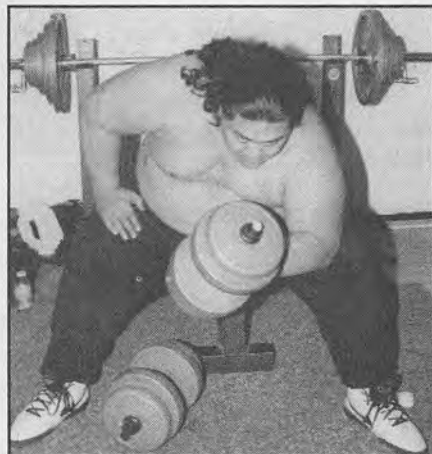
**MADMAN FROM TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO,
MEETS BROAD STREET BULLY FROM PHILADELPHIA**

Former Philadelphia Flyers hockey bad guy Dave Schultz was the special guest referee for the WCW World tag team title match pitting Cactus Jack and Kevin Sullivan against The Nasty Boys at Slamboree '94. It was a failed experiment. Schultz brought his hockey stick into the ring and had to fight off Jerry Sags. Jack, however, grabbed the stick from Schultz, clocked Sags from behind, and covered him for the pin. Schultz hasn't been invited back.



IT TAKES TWO

Cactus Jack's problems against Big Van Vader continued when he lost two-thirds of his ear during a match in Germany. Jack vowed to get revenge against Vader, but it never happened. Fortunately, Cactus Jack suffered no significant hearing loss. Whether his psyche or his confidence was shaken, well, who could ever tell?



**MAN CANNOT LIVE BY
SUSHI ALONE**

Let this photo stand as proof that Yokozuna, perhaps the fattest man in wrestling, doesn't prepare for a match by sitting at the training table for hours on end. Deep down under all those rolls of flesh are muscles (really!) developed during training sessions like these.

THE JOKER BECOMES THE SOAKER

Most of his fellow wrestlers don't care for his pranks, especially when they involve water, but Dink the Clown is a big hit with the fans. He doused several at ring-side on this card and they kept asking for more.



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QUOTABLES '94

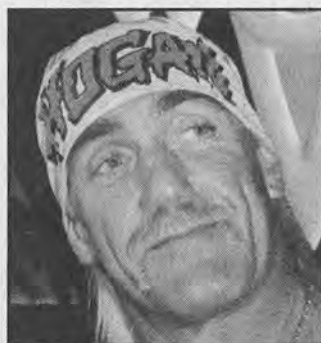


"I'm elated. Just like in wrestling, the good guys always win."

—Vince McMahon, after being found not guilty of conspiring to distribute steroids to WWF wrestlers

"Do you think he'll show up?"

—Overheard at WrestleMania X, in reference to Hulk Hogan

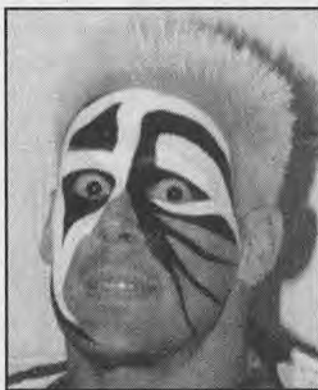


"The big man upstairs, he moves mountains, dude, and in seven days He created the Heavens and the Earth. On the eighth day, He created 'Hulkamania.'"

—Hulk Hogan

"I thought I'd seen the last of Hulk Hogan. I thought he wasn't coming back to the ring. I figured he was happy with his acting ... The last thing I expected was for him to show up here."

—Ric Flair, after learning Hulk Hogan had signed with WCW



"Let's get one thing clear: I'm not Hulk Hogan's patsy!"

—Sting

"I've got my eyes on whatever it takes to propel me to the top. If it's by annihilating Hogan, fine ... but it could also be Vader, Flair, or Bret Hart. Wherever I have to go, whatever I have to do, I'll do it. There's no stopping me this time, and anybody who tries to will have to pay the price. That's the bottom line."

—Sid Vicious, on his quest for a world championship



"Give me a break!"

—Figure skater Tonya Harding, after a reporter asked her whether she would accept a \$2-million offer to wrestle for All-Japan Women

"It's just exciting to be here and a part of this group of wonderful people, wonderful wrestlers, and great athletes. I just want to thank them."

—Harding, after signing to be the guest manager of The American Love Machine on a Championship Wrestling USA card in Vancouver, Washington

"I've had enough of him and his incompetence! Let Brian [Lee] see what he can do on his own without my expert guidance. Like most men, he won't get very far."

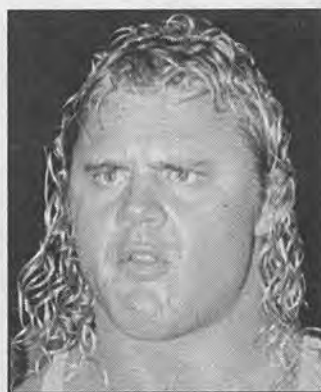
—Tammy Fytch, on the breakup of Chris Candido and Brian Lee

"I can hear them snickering behind my back, all laughing at my expense. They won't be laughing long. My hair will grow long, but I won't forget any of them."

—Jake Roberts, after losing a hair vs. hair match to Konnan in Mexico

"I saw him four days ago, and I still haven't stopped laughing!"

—Brian Lee, on the newly bald Jake Roberts



"Stop prying, or I'll pry that hook nose of yours off your face!"

—Curt Hennig, speaking to Senior Editor Bill Apter in "Press Conference," PWI, October 1994

"Diesel's a small, small, man, man."

—Razor Ramon, speaking to Senior Editor Bill Apter in "Hotseat," *Inside Wrestling*, November 1994



"When the publicity came out, it just said [I] was charged with rape and sodomy. Most people thought, *Here's a guy who hid in the bushes and waited for an underage girl to come along, then jumped out and raped her.* It sounded horrible ... but [it was] just because a female prosecutor saw in this case the opportunity to make a name for herself."

—Jerry Lawler, speaking to Senior Writer Dave Rosenbaum in "Press Conference," *PWI*, July 1994, shortly after rape and sodomy charges against him were dropped

"You're a stooge."

—Tony Schiavone, to Bobby Heenan

"You're the authority."

—Bobby Heenan, in response

"I decorate my face because it makes me more beautiful."

—Luna Vachon, speaking to Senior Editor Bill Apter in "Hotseat," *Inside Wrestling*, September 1994

"I've seen him do stuff to himself in order to injure his opponents that I couldn't think of in my dreams. They're moves that would make Dr. Kevorkian go 'Hey, wait a minute, fella.'"

—Paul E. Dangerously, on Sabu

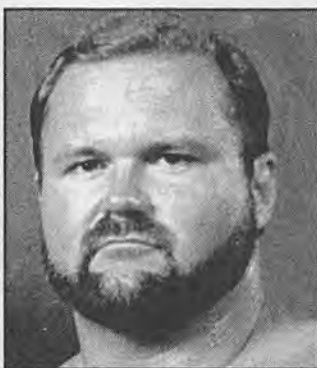


"I'm going to listen to the fans, the wrestlers, the matchmakers, the writers, the executives ... everyone. And you can bet my influence will be seen, heard, and felt."

—Nick Bockwinkel, after being named commissioner of WCW

"Is that Jerry Lawler? No, it's a jellyfish. They're pretty close. Neither have a spine."

—Roddy Piper, before his showdown with Lawler at King of the Ring

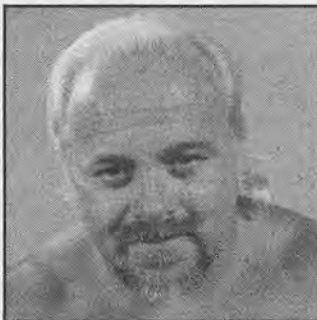


"What do Dusty and Dustin have in common, other than they both look like they overdosed on chicken feed?"

—Arn Anderson, on facing two members of the Rhodes family in War Games at Fall Brawl

"I do what I want, when I want, and with whom I want. The WWF frowns on that because I'm not some pawn or puppet on a string."

—Shawn Michaels, speaking to Senior Editor Bill Apter in "Press Conference," *PWI*, November 1994



"I've been waiting 10 years to tell you this: Who the hell do you think you are?"

—Kevin Sullivan, to Hulk Hogan

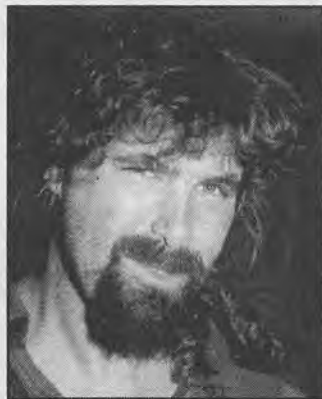
"I promised my mother I would never win another title belt again ... She's afraid I might end up like you."

—Mikey Whipwreck, to Cactus Jack, after they won the ECW tag team title



"You can tell you're coming from a mile away!"

—Gene Okerlund, to Bunkhouse Buck



"I believe the real killer was once a big fan of O.J. and bought a picture of him. The picture was suitable for framing."

—Cactus Jack, on whether he thought O.J. Simpson was guilty

THE PUSH HEARD (FELT?) 'ROUND THE WORLD

Owen Hart was so peeved that his brother Bret wrestled most of their Royal Rumble tag team match against The Quebecers that he pushed and tripped Bret after the match ended. "Why didn't you tag me?" Owen screamed after referee Tim White stopped the bout due to an injury to Bret's leg. "I knew your leg was hurt, but all you had to do was tag me! But no, you're too damn selfish!" The relationship between Owen and Bret, which was already shaky, completely collapsed.



A KINGDOM OF ONE

Although Owen Hart wasn't the only one impressed and surprised by his victory in the WWF's King of the Ring tournament—brother-in-law Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart also had endless praise for "The Rocket"—respect for Owen didn't grow after the controversial win. Bret Hart, Owen's far more successful brother, mumbled, "I can't believe what just happened. I don't have any comment." Bret saved his comments for later, when he humbled Owen in a series of high-intensity matches. Owen, the King of the Ring, was hardly King of the WWF. His brother still had that crown.

DOES THIS MAN LOOK LIKE A CHAMPION?

Well, he is, although August 24 was a tough night for Hulk Hogan. Prior to his rematch against Ric Flair, Hogan was clubbed on the knee by a masked man. Hogan was taken to a nearby hospital, but he jumped out of bed, rushed back to the arena, and defended the WCW World title against Flair. After losing by countout, Hogan was brutally attacked by Flair, Sherri Martel, and the same masked man. Hogan was again taken away in an ambulance ... and not to a victory party. Of course, the "Hulkster" got the last laugh two months later.



A GREAT ONE MEETS THE GREATEST

Sting, a future wrestling Hall of Famer, got to meet boxing great Muhammad Ali at Halloween Havoc on October 23. Ali received a special award from WCW, but he seemed far more delighted with the reverence with which all of the wrestlers—not just the fan favorites—treated him.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST HULK HOGAN FAN

Kevin Sullivan wasn't amused by the antics of his younger brother, but most WCW fans were delighted when Dave Sullivan anointed himself "the world's biggest Hulk Hogan fan." Sullivan dressed like Hogan, tried to act like Hogan, and was right there giving Hogan moral support prior to the Halloween Havoc showdown. This is one Sullivan we might grow to like.



**WE WEREN'T SURE IF HE WAS
ENFORCING THE RULES OR
MAKING A STATEMENT
ABOUT HER WARDROBE**



Mr. T saw enough of Sherri's interference at Bash at the Beach and carried her away from the ring. He could not do the same three months later at Halloween Havoc, because he was the special guest referee. When Sherri tried to climb the cage and interfere on behalf of Ric Flair in that match, Jimmy Hart ripped her dress off, revealing some sexy black lingerie. We all got an eyeful.



**EVERY WRESTLER'S NIGHTMARE,
EVERY MANAGER'S DREAM**

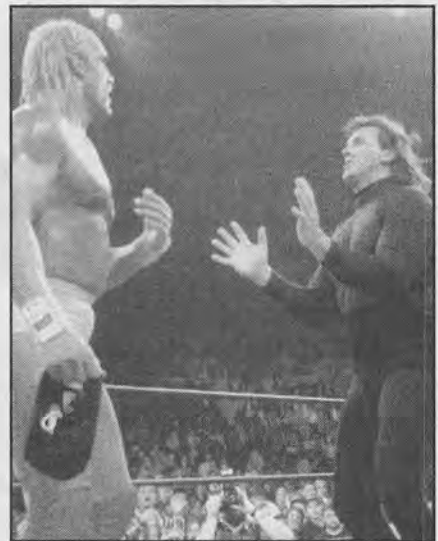
Two Hulk Hogans? Two Stings? Wouldn't manager Jimmy Hart love it if it were true. Unfortunately, it isn't. In this picture taken on the set of *Thunder In Paradise*, Hogan's double and Sting's double are getting ready to step in to perform a stunt. There are certainly times Hogan and Sting wish they could get the same kind of help in the ring.



**LIVING PROOF THAT
ANIMAL-LOVERS ARE THE
CRAZIEST PEOPLE OF ALL**

Sure, you know what we're talking about. Those maniacs who used to walk up to people wearing fur coats and spraypaint the coats.

Obsessives who would rather see drugs tested on humans than animals. People who spend their entire days talking to their animals. Tammy Fytch has her cat. Jim Cornette has his French poodle. Case closed.



**FOR ALL OF YOU SLIGHTED
PARENTS WHO THINK YOU
HAVE IT BAD, THE "HULKSTER"
SAT AT THIS MAN'S BEDSIDE
WHEN HE GOT HURT, CAME
OUT OF RETIREMENT TO HELP
HIM AGAINST MONEY INC.,
AND HAS BASICALLY BEEN HIS
MEAL TICKET FOR THE PAST
FIVE YEARS. UNTIL ...**

In one of the most despicable actions in wrestling history, Brutus Beefcake turned against his lifelong friend Hulk Hogan. He was one of those masked men who had been attacking Hogan. "I can't believe it," Hulk seems to be saying. Neither could we.



LETTING BYGONES BE BYGONES

Former enemies Gorilla Monsoon and Killer Kowalski had a hard time drumming up the old hatred for each other when they met at the WWF's Hall of Fame inductions in Baltimore in June. Perhaps one said to the other, "Why *did* I hate you?"

THE YEAR
IN REVIEW

NUMBERS '94

1 $\frac{1}{3}$ is the number of ears Cactus Jack still has following his match with Big Van Vader on March 12.

2 was the number of winners of the Royal Rumble: Lex Luger and Bret Hart.

7 in a row was how many men Diesel eliminated in the Royal Rumble.

21 years was the length of Ric Flair's career, which ended when he lost a retirement match to Hulk Hogan at Halloween Havoc.

21:53 was the time of Hulk Hogan's victory over Ric Flair for his sixth world title.

30 days was the length of Reno Havoc's suspension by the Global Wrestling Alliance for putting one of the two

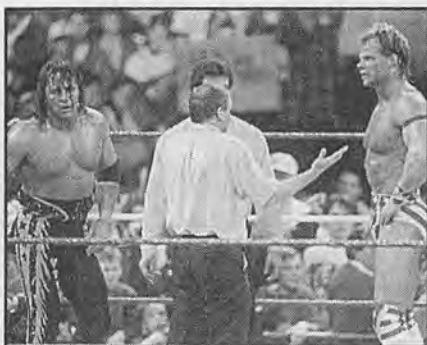
Mabel, Bam Bam Bigelow, and Crush.

4,400 was the estimated attendance for a AAA card at New York's Paramount.

\$5,000 was the amount the WWA fined The Mad Russian for striking a referee during a July 23 match.

\$5,000 was the amount Abdullah the Butcher was fined for punching WWA President Dino Sanna on April 16.

\$25,000 was the amount of the fine levied against Big Van Vader by WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel for interrupting a press conference at which the postponement of Vader's SuperBrawl match against Ric Flair was announced.



referees assigned to his match against GWA Midwest champion Shawn Casey in a bag under the ring.

32 seconds was the time it took for Earthquake to pin Adam Bomb at WrestleMania X.

49 inches, **105** pounds is the size of Joe Kid, a midget who won a battle royal against normal-sized wrestlers in North Carolina.

\$100 was the amount Abbudah Singh was fined by the WWA when he refused to return the federation's heavyweight belt after losing a match to champion "Friendly" Frank Finnegan.

\$1,000 was the price six wrestlers—Jerry Lawler, Brian Christopher, Jimmy Valiant, Troy Graham, Doug Gilbert, and Tommy Rich—each paid to compete in a six-man "I Quit" match on April 4 at Mid-South Coliseum.

1,193 pounds was the combined weight of the three men it took to eliminate Diesel in the Royal Rumble:

\$25,000 was the amount Sherri Martel was fined for her interference in the Ric Flair vs. Hulk Hogan Bash at the Beach match.

300,000 years is the rumored age of Prince Kharis, the mummy who wrestled for several months in Smoky Mountain before mysteriously disappearing.

\$809,958 was the amount awarded to Jesse Ventura by a federal jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, after it found that TitanSports defrauded him. All but \$8,625 was for royalties on videotapes on which Ventura did color commentary.

\$2,000,000 was the offer U.S. Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding received from All-Japan Women to sign as a wrestler with that promotion.

\$26,700,000 was the amount a jury awarded to former preliminary wrestler Charles Austin, who was left paralyzed after a 1990 WWF match against The Rockers.

"I'D LIKE TWO OF THOSE FOAM HANDS, ONE OF THOSE DUSTIN RHODES POSTERS, AND A ... EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT I WAS STANDING HERE FIRST!"

A falls-count-anywhere Spring Stampede match pitting Cactus Jack and Maxx Payne against The Nasty Boys truly did take place everywhere. At one point, a concession stand located near the ring was destroyed by the wrestlers, who found all kinds of new and exciting weapons to use on each other. By the way, the Nastys won.



IT'S CALLED FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE

Throughout a career that has spanned four decades, Abdullah the Butcher has gained a well-deserved reputation for dishing out punishment by any means possible. Whether it's the use of a foreign object or his own razor-sharp fangs, Abdullah won't think twice about battering an opponent. But this time, Abdullah was the victim. Abbudah Singh burned him with a fireball on a WWA card in Clementon, New Jersey. Abdullah caught on fire for nearly a minute and rolled on the mat in pain. But Abdullah recovered to win the match before returning to the dressing room, burned and charred, but with his aura of invincibility intact.



A MEETING OF THE MINDS



Months before Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair began feuding in WCW, Hogan and manager Jimmy Hart paid a visit to Flair's North Carolina gym and met for several hours behind closed doors. The speculation was that they were talking about forming a super-stable. Apparently, they never worked out the details on such an agreement.



THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT WRESTLING THE SANDMAN CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH

For The Sandman, the reward for a job well done is a cigarette break and maybe a kiss from Woman. Tommy Cairo was the victim this time after Sandman broke a Singapore cane over Cairo's head. Sandman went on to a feud with Tommy Dreamer in a series of caning matches. Sandman won most of those, too, and enjoyed a cigarette after viciously caning Dreamer's back 10 times.



BY NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY NOTICING A RECURRENT THEME

The editors of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED are proud to bring you another garbage can incident, this one involving Rocco Rock of Public Enemy and Pat Tanaka. Yes, readers, they did shower after this match.

INJURY REPORT '94

•**Abdullah the Butcher** suffered second- and third-degree burns to his chest after Abbudah Singh breathed fire at him during a September 10 card in Clementon, New Jersey. He was treated at a local hospital.

•**The Assassin** suffered head and neck injuries after falling to the concrete floor in an April 30 match against Rick Savage. The incident happened when the top rope broke.

•**Ludvig Borga** broke his ankle during a January 17 match against Rick Steiner at Madison Square Garden. He was out of action for several months and never

returned to the WWF.

•**Cactus Jack** suffered internal injuries after being knocked out of the ring and landing on his back on the concrete floor at SuperBrawl IV on February 20.

•**Cactus Jack** severed two-thirds of his ear when he became entangled in the ring ropes and was trying to escape during a match against Big Van Vader on March 16 in Germany.

•**Brian Christopher** hurt his left knee during an August 19 softball game involving USWA's fan favorites and rulebreakers. He missed several weeks.

•**Crush** suffered undetermined injuries during a match with Lex Luger on the WWF's spring tour of Europe.

•**Shane Douglas** suffered a dislocated right shoulder during a match against Terry Funk on January 8.

•**Bobby Heenan** injured his neck; he claimed that Hulk Hogan attacked him in the dressing room of Disney/MGM Studios in Orlando on August 6.



Hulk Hogan

•**Hulk Hogan** suffered a knee injury when he was attacked by a masked man at Clash of the Champions XXVIII.

•**The Kid** suffered a knee injury during a tag team match against The Quebecers on January 17 at Madison Square Garden. He was out for several weeks.

•**Brian Knobs** suffered a dislocated right shoulder after being suplexed by Maxx Payne at SuperBrawl IV on February 20.

•**Shawn Michaels** broke his right hand during a match against The Headshrinkers in mid-October.

•**Mitsuharu Misawa** suf-

fered a neck injury against Doug Furnas on March 21.

•**Razor Ramon** suffered a broken nose in an April 26 match against Kwang the Ninja, but he did not miss any action.

•**J.T. Smith** injured his right knee during an ECW bout against The Rockin' Rebel on March 26 in Devon, Pennsylvania. He later had surgery.

•**Rick Steamboat** suffered a back injury during a September match against Steve Austin. He has yet to return to action.

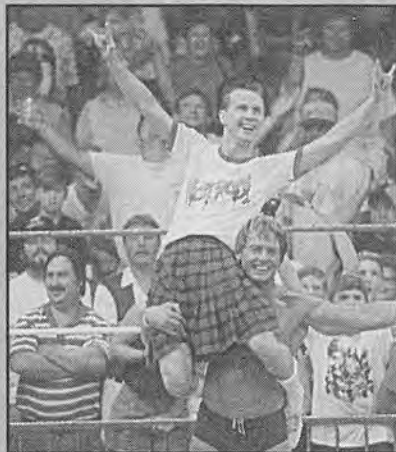
•**Dave Sullivan** injured his knee after being attacked in the locker room by The Nasty Boys in April.



Sherri Martel & Shane Douglas

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES

Jerry Lawler paid the price for mocking the disadvantaged children Roddy Piper has dedicated himself to helping. Lawler thought it would be fun to mock Piper prior to their King of the Ring showdown by having a teenager impersonate the "Rowdy Scot." Ha-ha. Lawler had Piper pinned in the match by placing his legs on the ropes for leverage. But the kid knocked Lawler's legs off the rope, and Piper recovered for the win.



COULD IT BE MAGIC?

The NBA's most awesome player—Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic—stands side-by-side with Hulk Hogan, WCW's most awesome wrestler, prior to Bash at the Beach at Orlando Arena. Shaq was there to watch Hogan defeat Ric Flair for the WCW World title, and he wasn't disappointed. Now if only Shaq were as dependable in the clutch as Hogan; the Magic were swept by the Pacers in the first round of last year's playoffs and haven't won a playoff game in their history.



THE \$26-MILLION FALL

Chuck Austin's life changed forever when he was the victim of this "Rocker Dropper" by Marty Jannetty during a 1990 WWF card in Tampa, Florida. Austin was paralyzed from the waist down and now walks unsteadily on crutches. He is unable to work. This past year, a jury awarded him \$26.7-million in his lawsuit against the WWF. Austin had sought \$3.8-million; Austin claimed the federation was negligent in its training.

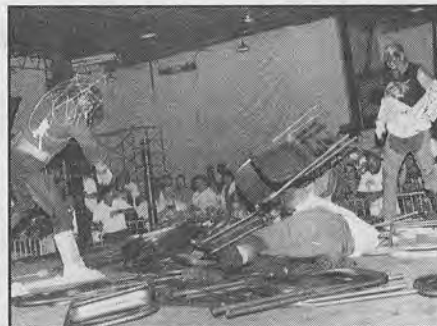
PRESENTING BEAVIS' IDEA OF THE PERFECT WRESTLING MATCH

Don't ever invite Eddie Gilbert and Hurricane Castillo Jr. to the same barbecue. These two rivals clashed in a bloody fire match in Puerto Rico. Castillo was reportedly trying to collect on a bounty Doug Gilbert had placed on his brother's head. *Heh-heh, this is cool.*

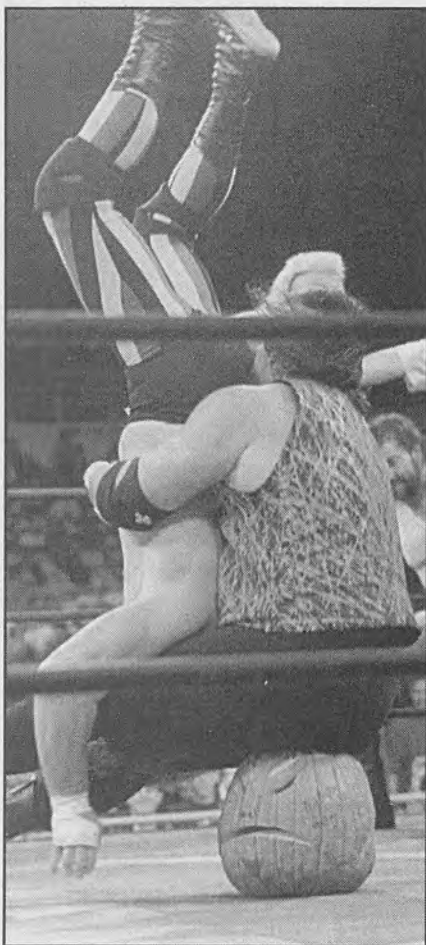


EVEN BETTER THAN THE RINGSIDE SEAT, IT'S THE NEW 20-SEAT LUXURY BOX

Brothers Terry Funk and Dory Funk Jr. battled Public Enemy in a memorable series of matches that culminated in this barbed-wire bloodfest. Things got totally out of hand before long as fans tossed one chair after another into the ring, until Rocco Rock and Johnny Grunge were buried underneath. Bloodthirsty ECW fans went crazy with delight and Terry later remarked, "You know, that was fun."



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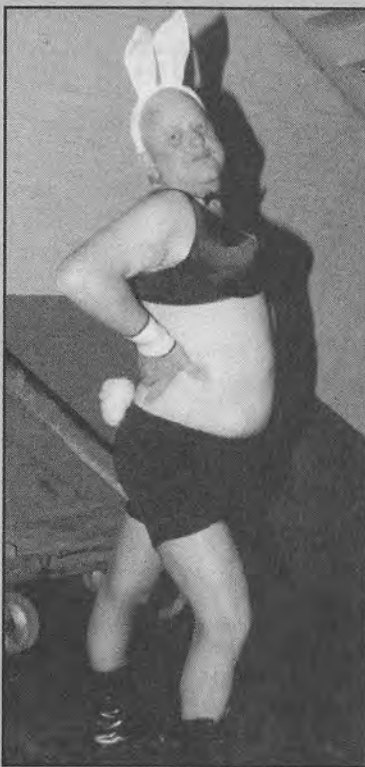


THIS MUST BE HOW MRS. SAGS USED TO MAKE PUMPKIN PIE BACK IN ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

And, yes, we do hope Terry Funk likes the taste of raw pumpkin. Yuck!

IT'S A HALLOWEEN COSTUME, RIGHT? PLEASE TELL US IT'S A HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

"Playboy" Bill Halton considers himself a manager and wrestler extraordinaire. Others might find different words to describe him.



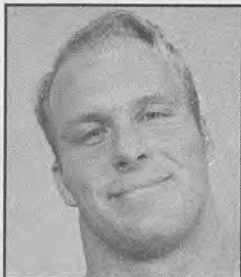
IN MEMORIAM

Paul Anderson
Mark Bodey
Mohammed the Butcher
Ray Candy
George "Crybaby" Cannon
Eddie Creatchman
Ronnie Etchison
Boris Malenko
Joey Marella
Frank "Sam" Menacker

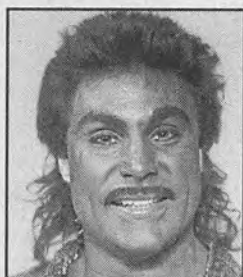
MISSING IN ACTION

Ludvig Borga
Crush
Skull Von Crush
Van Hammer
Curt Hennig
Missy Hyatt
Ice Train
Marty Jannetty
Prince Kharis
Teddy Long
Joey Maggs
Mongolian Mauler
Maxx Payne
Rick Rude
Samu
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Scott Steiner
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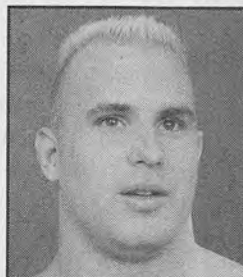
1995 SHOULD BE THEIR YEAR



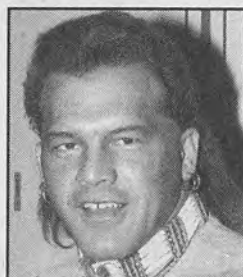
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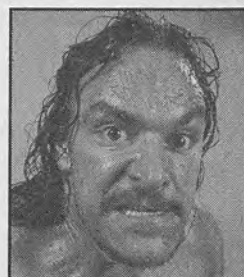
Johnny B. Badd



Chris Candido



Tatanka



Sabu

PWI ACHIEVEMENT '94 AWARDS

THE YEAR 1994 was a year of change in wrestling and, PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED was there to bring you all the tension, drama, and laughter of an exciting 12 months. All the emotions we experienced in 1994 are reflected in the choices for the 1994 Achievement Awards, as more than 70,000 readers cast their votes in 11 different categories.

ECW's 911 was voted Rookie of the Year, but the numbers showed it was not a banner year for rookies. The total number of votes garnered by the winner and top three runners-up was barely more than votes for all other candidates.

All in all, however, it was a very good year for ECW. Mikey Whipwreck, an inspiration to anyone who loves an underdog, was third runner-up in Rookie of the Year voting and almost nailed down a similar spot in Inspirational Wrestler of the Year balloting. Paul E. Dangerously, who oversees the careers of 911 and Sabu, was third runner-up in the Manager of the Year category. And speaking of Sabu...

The table-smashing maniac finished second in Most Improved voting and fourth in Feud for his wars with Terry Funk. Public Enemy, the two-time ECW tag champs, finished behind only The Nasty Boys and The Headshrinkers in Tag Team balloting.

But 1994 was definitely the year of Hulk Hogan. Not only did he come out of retirement, but, after a glorious nine-year career with the WWF, he signed with WCW. The "Hulkster" won Wrestler of the Year honors for the third time, beating Ric Flair for the WCW World title, turning back his challenge in a long series of rematches, and finally beating the "Nature Boy" in a "loser-must-retire" bout at Halloween Havoc.

The "Hulkster" was a decisive winner for Comeback of the Year. His was one of the greatest comebacks of all-time. Sorry, Mr. Backlund.

The ballots have been cast and counted, and the results are in. Wrestling's experts, you, the fans, have spoken. Winners have been chosen in 11 important categories. On the pages that follow, we proudly present your choices for the PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED Achievement '94

Hogan did have some help in capturing his sixth world title. Jimmy Hart does not have a stable of wrestlers, but he has Hogan. What he did for the "Hulkster" in 1994 was good enough to earn him Manager of the Year honors.

There was also change in the WWF. Who would have thought, as 1993 drew to a close, that Bob Backlund and Owen Hart would be the two most hated wrestlers in 1994? According to our readers, they are. Hart and Backlund finished one-two in the balloting.

The Bret Hart-Owen Hart feud was so intense that it was voted 1994 Feud of the Year. "The Hitman" also won as Inspirational Wrestler of the Year; many readers voted for him because he showed so much courage in fighting off Owen and holding on to the WWF World title.

There was also a clear shift in power in the WWF. With Hogan gone, Diesel is emerging as a superstar. The seven-footer who accomplished very little as Vinnie Vegas in WCW won two titles in the WWF in 1994 and earned the respect of the fans, who voted him 1994's Most Improved Wrestler.

For all the changes in wrestling in 1994, some things stayed the same. Hogan got more press than anyone in WCW, but Sting is still a sentimental favorite among the fans. Sting took home his third Most Popular Wrestler of the Year Award in the last four years.

Finally, this year's Editors' Award goes to Capt. Lou Albano, who came out of retirement this spring to lead The Headshrinkers to the WWF World tag team title. But we honor Albano not only for what he has accomplished in wrestling, but also for what he has done for charity. The Captain has helped to raise approximately \$50-million for multiple sclerosis research.

That's enough of a preview. Turn the page and see how your choices finished in the balloting.



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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

THE QUESTION ASKED asked most when a fan sees the mighty 911 for the first time is: "Where did they find this guy?"

Indeed. 911 is a massive 6'7", 310-pounder who has torn his way through Extreme Championship Wrestling in only his first year in the sport. What's that you say? Bring a rookie to ECW, a federation that thrives on violence? Isn't that a bit too risky?

You betcha, it is. His manager, the ever-devious Paul E. Dangerously, is not concerned in the least.

"911 is the biggest, the meanest, the nastiest wrestler in the world," he boasted. "I'm so proud that he received this prestigious award, but what you're seeing now is only the early development of a true wrestling great."

911 is not only big, he can wrestle. His finishing maneuver is a deadly choke-slam, in which he grabs his opponent by the throat, lifts him into the air, and drives him straight down to the mat. Considering 911 is 6'7", with full arm extension the

911
12,701 votes



hapless opponent falls approximately nine feet before hitting the canvas!

"Yeah, it's scary," explained Donn E. Allen, who should be earning frequent-

flyer mileage for the number of times he has been victimized by the maneuver. "This is going to sound strange, but when I'm up there, I can't wait till he actually drives me into the mat. It's so terrifying just being up there in the air like that, let alone by your throat."

Add a mean streak to a giant like 911 and you have a deadly combination. And he is mean. Ask anybody in ECW. 911 has been known to not only choke-slam opponents, but referees, ring officials, federation officials, and women.

"911 is the logical choice for this award," wrote Shelly Barnum of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. "I had a chance to see if this guy was for real, and believe me, he is. With his size and strength, and the guidance of Paul E. Dangerously, this man can only get better."

Extreme Championship Wrestling is considered by many to be the toughest federation in the United States right now. And if 911 can continue to dominate as he did this year, this won't be the last *PWI* award this giant will win.

RUNNERS-UP



BOB "SPARK PLUGG" HOLLY
10,567 votes

First runner-up: Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly entered the WWF in early-1994 and immediately proved he can hold his own against top-level competition. He has already given many veterans stiff competition in the wrestling ring. Constantly improving with every match he wrestles, we expect him to get off to a fast start in 1995.



ABBUDAH SINGH
6,957 votes

Second runner-up: This madman from Singapore set the independent scene on fire this year—literally! Singh set out to destroy every opponent he faced, including Abdullah the Butcher, whom he sent to the hospital with severe burns after a WWA match in New Jersey. Singh wants to take the Butcher's place as the most sadistic man in wrestling. Yikes!



MIKEY WHIPWRECK
6,321 votes

Third runner-up: For the love of the underdog in all of us, Mikey Whipwreck to the rescue! The 187-pound, 18-year-old Buffalo native held the ECW TV title earlier this year, and, until recently, was a co-holder of the ECW tag team title with Cactus Jack. He may be undersized and lacking in talent, but he always gives his all, and he's everybody's sentimental favorite.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (35,112)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Bryant Anderson, Frank Andersson, Chavo Guerrero Jr., Jesse Hennig, Moadib, and "Jungle" Jim Steele.

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INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

SAMUEL CLEMENS' *A Tale Of Two Cities* opens with the line "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Bret Hart's 1994 can be summed up in this manner. Hart recaptured the WWF World championship at WrestleMania X, but went through an emotionally draining feud with his own brother Owen.

"If anyone is an inspiration in the world of wrestling right now, it is definitely Bret Hart," wrote Mary Ann Smolnik, of Oakland, California. "He has been through so much. Fighting with his brother and brother-in-law [Jim Neidhart], and yet having the courage and skill to hold on to the WWF title all that time ... he truly is a champion."

Hart won the WWF World title at WrestleMania by defeating Yokozuna, but earlier in the day he was pinned—cleanly—by Owen. If that experience wasn't emotionally trying enough for Bret, the feud with his brother took another strange turn at the King of the Ring tournament in June.

Bret was defending his title against

BRET HART
19,498 votes



Diesel when Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, Bret's second for the match, clotheslined Shawn Michaels on the floor and then did the same to Diesel. He got Bret disqualified when he entered the ring after Diesel power-bombed "The Hitman." Everyone thought

that "The Anvil" was there to lend assistance to Bret, his former tag team partner, but they couldn't have been more wrong.

"The Anvil" revealed after the match that he ended the match in this manner to make sure Bret would keep his championship, thus giving Owen the opportunity to win it from him. Owen received opportunities; taking advantage of those opportunities was another matter entirely.

Bret wrestled brilliantly throughout the series, surviving challenge after challenge in arenas across the country. Bret even bested Owen in one-hour marathon matches, and survived countless two-on-one attacks—all with his championship intact. He could have buckled under the mental pressure, but he just wouldn't.

Now that Owen has tested his mettle against Bret and come up short, maybe he'll re-examine his motives and priorities and discover that nothing is more important than family. Who knows? Maybe he'll apologize to Bret and the rest of the Harts and be voted 1995's Inspirational Wrestler of the Year.

RUNNERS-UP



TERRY FUNK
19,122 votes

First runner-up: Terry Funk came within 376 votes of winning his third *PWI* award, as this 50-year-old wonder keeps on chuggin' along. Supported by gimpy knees, the former NWA World champ recklessly threw himself into feuds with Sabu, Dustin Rhodes, Shane Douglas, and Public Enemy.



THE GUARDIAN ANGEL
12,904 votes

Second runner-up: The Guardian Angel went through a tremendous identity crisis this year before settling on his new name. To his credit, he would not accept the name Guardian Angel until he went through the difficult and strenuous process of becoming an actual member of the civilian patrol group.



DAVE SULLIVAN
11,456 votes

Third runner-up: It takes a lot of courage to buck your own brother, particularly when that brother happens to be Kevin Sullivan. But Dave Sullivan admires Hulk Hogan and what he stands for and he's not going to let anyone—Kevin included—tell him how to think. He's a true "Hulkamaniac."

VOTES FOR OTHERS (9,945)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Ric Flair, Hulk Hogan, Roddy Piper, Razor Ramon, Dustin Rhodes, George South, Rick Stearns, The Undertaker, and Mikey Whipwreck.

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MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

IF YOU NEED to be convinced just how far Diesel's career came in 1994, take a look at the "PWI 500" for 1993. He is not even listed. Now look at the "PWI 500" for 1994. There he is, in the number 14 position.

Anyway you look at it, Diesel had a tremendous year. He was WWF Intercontinental champion for a 4½-month clip and currently holds the WWF World tag team championship with Shawn Michaels. A mid-level wrestler before his arrival in the WWF, Diesel garnered more than 23,000 votes, the largest total in this year's poll.

"When I first saw Diesel, I thought he was going to be a bust, like he was everywhere else," wrote Alex Hastings of Toronto. "I'm glad I was wrong, though. With the guidance of Shawn Michaels, he was able to parlay his raw talent into two WWF championships. Yeah, I'd say he's improved—from a D to an A."

Despite his overwhelming physical presence (7', 356 pounds) and better-than-average technical ability, Diesel was not expect-

DIESEL
23,004 votes



ed to accomplish much when he arrived in the WWF. He has a huge disappointment in WCW as Vinnie Vegas, and appeared to have given up on wrestling when he came

north as Shawn Michaels' bodyguard. But given some time to clear his head and closely observe the brilliant Michaels in action gave Diesel's career a jump start.

In a major upset, he defeated Razor Ramon for the I-C belt in April, and he proceeded to thoroughly dominate his competition, including Ramon in rematches. He acquitted himself quite well in a World title match at the King of the Ring against Bret Hart, but was denied the chance for a clean victory when Hart was disqualified as the result of Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart's interference.

Undaunted, Diesel continued to dominate the I-C scene and eventually won the WWF tag team championship with Shawn Michaels, a day before SummerSlam. Before the WWF could make a decision on whether Diesel would be permitted to hold both belts, he lost his I-C championship to Ramon in a thrilling SummerSlam contest.

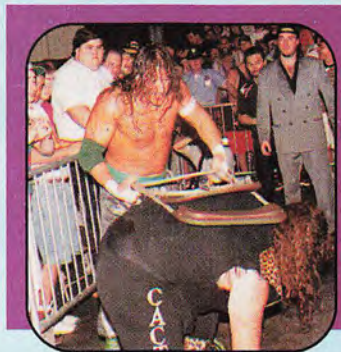
Now with the confidence of a champion, it's full speed ahead for the remainder of Diesel's career.

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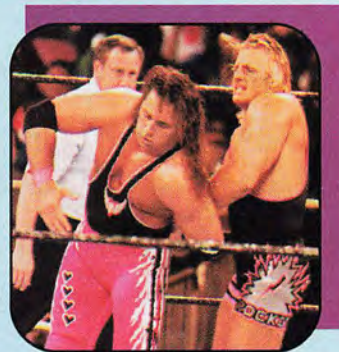
JOHNNY B. BADD
13,013 votes

First runner-up: The enthusiastic, flamboyant Johnny B. Badd finally captured a title this year, besting Lord Steven Regal for the WCW TV championship in September. The former boxer seems to add new wrestling moves to his repertoire with each match. His future prospects are limitless.



SABU
10,097 votes

Second runner-up: This high-flying India native made his mark this year in Extreme Championship Wrestling, adding new, daring aerial moves to his already extensive inventory. From the moonsault-legdrop to the Arabian victory roll, this crazed individual leaves fans breathless after every contest.



OWEN HART
8,329 votes

Third runner-up: Our 1987 Rookie of the Year was already a skilled competitor as the year started. His improvement was not that great from a technical standpoint, but he positioned himself as a main-event wrestler at the upper level of the sport. He even pinned his brother Bret at WrestleMania X.

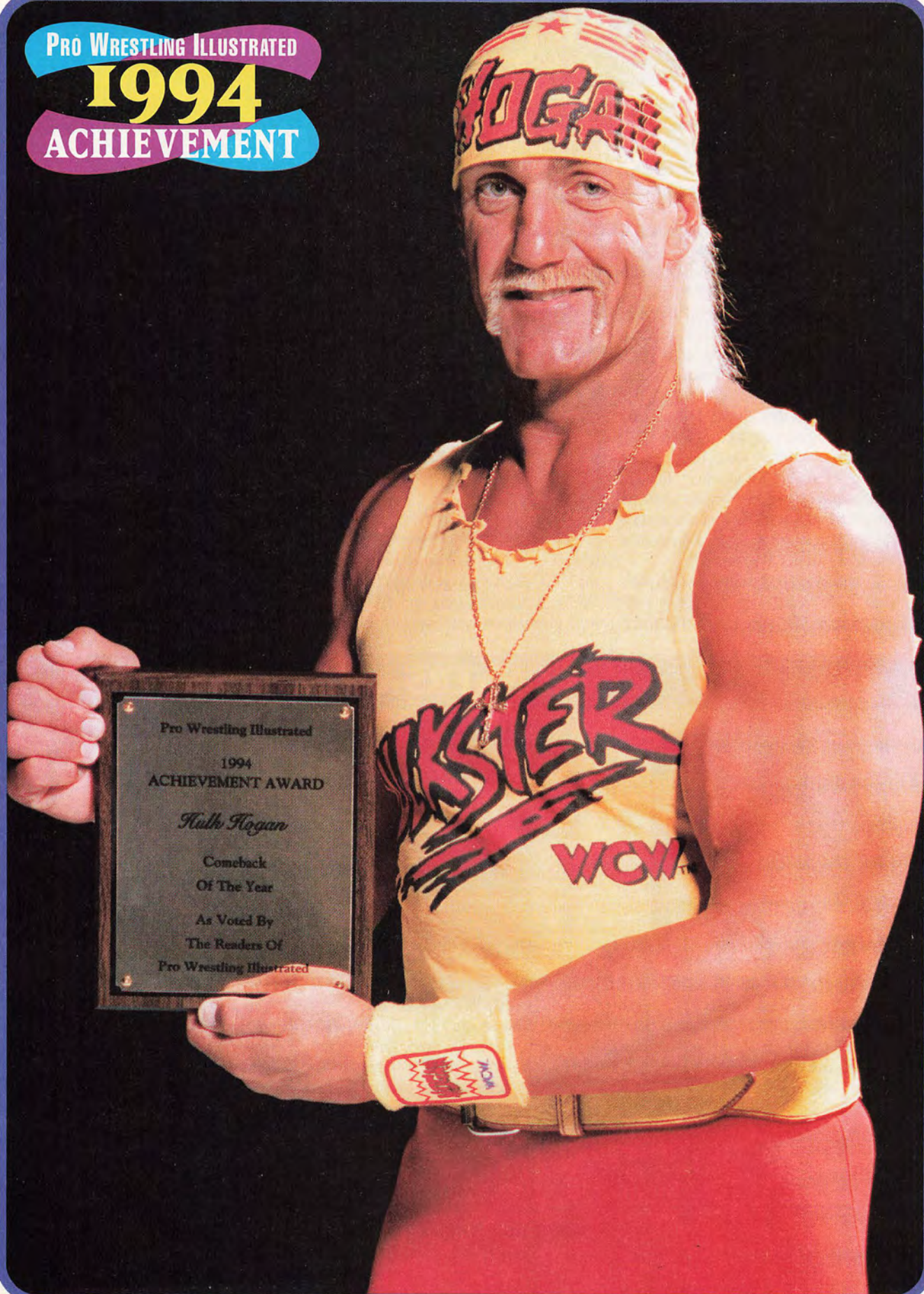
VOTES FOR OTHERS (16,931)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Chris Candido, Shane Douglas, Tommy Dreamer, Doug Gilbert, Konnan, Public Enemy, and Lord Steven Regal.

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COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

THIS WAS THE year of the comeback. Many great wrestlers (both men and women) returned to the squared circle, each one for their own special reason. But the wrestler who made the most significant comeback in 1994 was unquestionably Hulk Hogan.

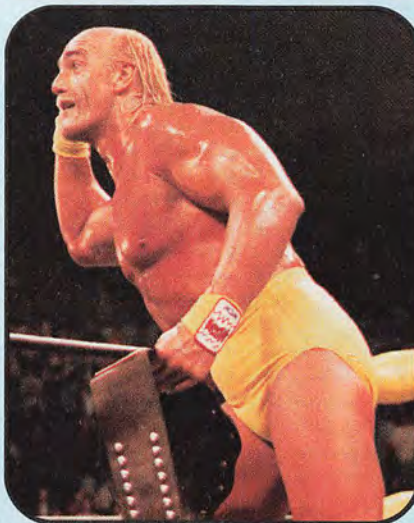
The rumors surrounding Hogan entering WCW began in early-January with *PWI* breaking the story of the "Hulkster's" visit to Ric Flair's North Carolina gym (April 1994). Everybody starting talking, and more and more WCW insiders hinted that Hogan was on the verge of entering the federation.

During the spring, Hogan began to give interviews on *WCW Saturday Night*, and finally announced he would be joining WCW and would wrestle Ric Flair for the WCW World championship on July 17 at Bash at the Beach in Orlando.

On many levels, it was the most important match in WCW history.

Brushing off ring rust and several interference attempts by Sherri Martel, Hogan dominated the match and pinned Flair in just under 22 minutes for the

HULK HOGAN 12,489 votes



championship. The arena exploded. "Hulkamania" lived again.

"Hulk Hogan's comeback was, without a doubt, the biggest news of the entire year," wrote Mike Williamson of Topeka,

Kansas. "He displays so much enthusiasm and courage, and he really knows how to get the fans pumped up. It's great to see him back in wrestling, especially with a championship belt around his waist."

Hogan only wrestled twice after losing the WWF World title to Yokozuna last year, teaming with and then clashing with The Great Muta in Japan. Even though he hadn't wrestled since then, he was able to beat Flair (who eight months earlier had beaten Big Van Vader) to become the third man in history to hold both the WWF and NWA/WCW World championships. (The late Buddy Rogers and Flair are the other two.)

Hogan continued to steamroll over Flair, and beat him in a "loser-must- retire" steel cage match at Halloween Havoc. He looks forward to new challenges from such men as his former best friend Brutus Beefcake, Avalanche, and the opponent everybody wants him to wrestle, Vader.

Love him or hate him, Hogan's comeback had a tremendous impact on our beloved sport. We look forward to more excitement from this true legend in 1995.

RUNNERS-UP



BOB BACKLUND 10,004 votes

First runner-up: Quickly losing momentum on his comeback, Backlund shocked the world by turning evil, and even "chicken-winged" his former manager, 71-year-old Arnold Skaaland. Backlund quickly moved himself into position to challenge for the World belt he held from 1978-1983.



THE UNDERTAKER 7,890 votes

Second runner-up: The Undertaker became a non-factor following his casket match loss to Yokozuna in January. Before he could "resurrect" his career, he first had to defeat Ted DiBiase's impostor Undertaker at SummerSlam. That accomplished, he avenged his loss to Yokozuna in bouts across the country.



ALUNDRA BLAYZE 7,536 votes

Third runner-up: Blayze not only made her own comeback, but initiated a comeback for women's wrestling in the U.S. mainstream competition following her victory in the tournament for the reactivated WWF World Women's championship. Blayze is truly a gifted athlete and is now appreciated as such.

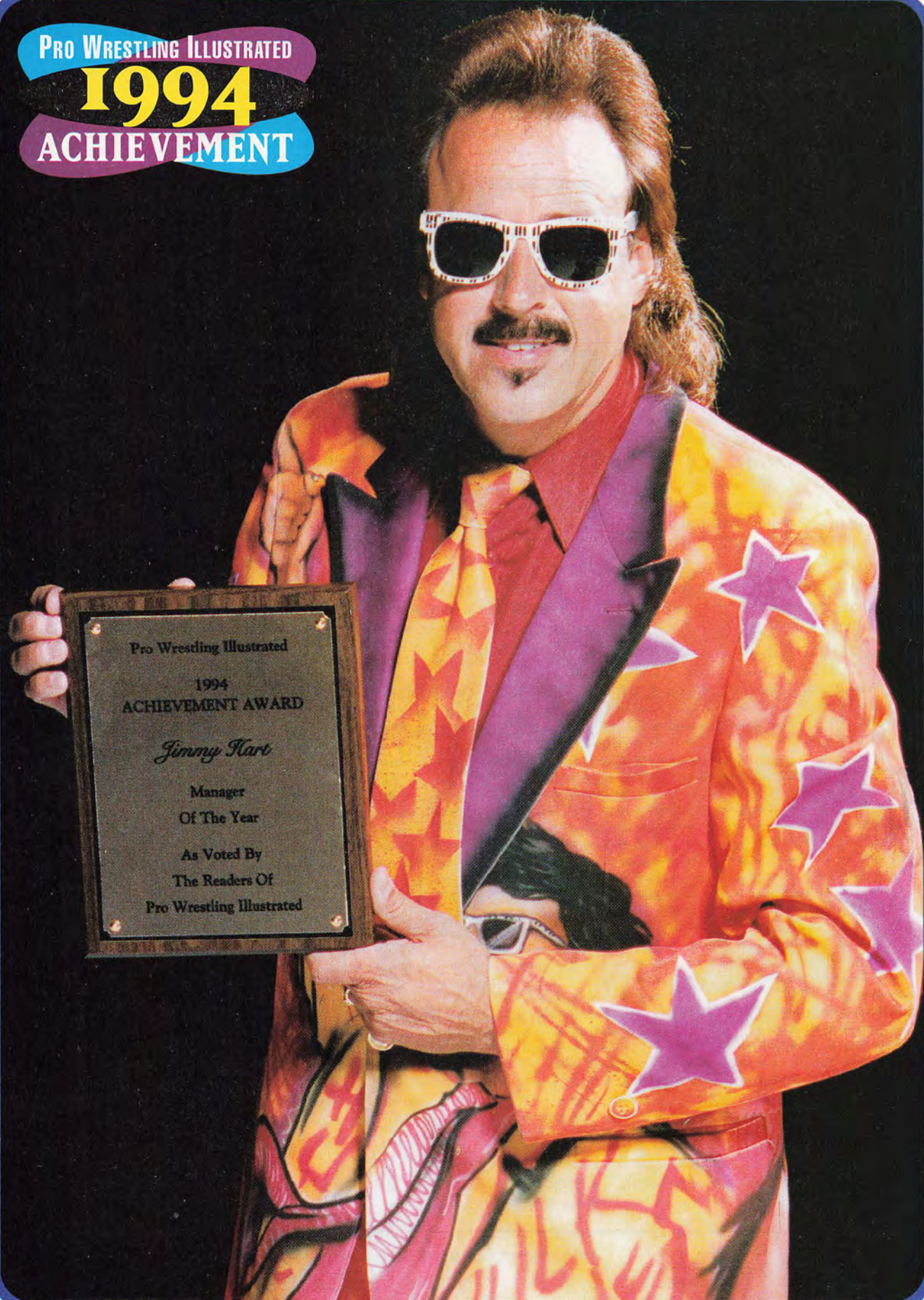
VOTES FOR OTHERS (34,087)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Diesel, Ken Patera, and Larry Zbyszko.

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MANAGER OF THE YEAR

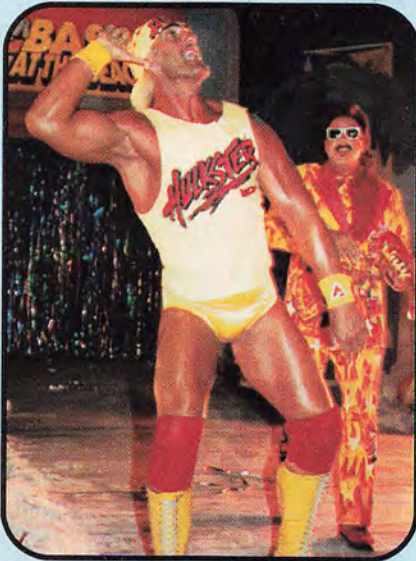
THE FACT THAT Jimmy Hart has won this award just once during his illustrious career tells you ... well, let "The Mouth Of The South" tell you:

"I was a very bad boy for a very long time. It's a heckuva lot easier to get votes from people who like you than people who don't."

Hart was Manager of the Year in 1987, but had been unable to even squeeze into a runner-up position since. But if 1994 is to be remembered as the year of Hulk Hogan's resurgence, the skinny guy with the megaphone has to be given at least some of the credit.

True, it was Hogan who beat Flair for the WCW World title, but it was Hart who tirelessly negotiated with WCW to get him there, it was Hart who got him a title match in his first WCW appearance, it was Hart who made sure he was mentally prepared for the match despite his trip to a New York courtroom three days earlier, and it was Hart who arranged to have people on hand to deal with the interfering Sherri Martel.

JIMMY HART
16,432 votes



Hart, of course, knows a little about interfering in the "Hulkster's" matches. For years, it was he who was doing just

that. It was just a few years ago that Hart was determined to be the man responsible for Hogan's demise. In recent years, however, Hart changed his ways and became Hogan's manager, adviser, and close friend.

"People look at Jimmy Hart and all they see is a loudmouthed geek with a megaphone," wrote Bill Youngston of Battle Creek, Michigan. "But take a closer look at him and you'll see what a great manager he really is. Men under his tutelage have won numerous titles in the WWF, and he makes a perfect complement for Hogan. Hart takes care of all the strategy and business, and all Hogan has to do is wrestle."

Hart has long been an underrated manager. In fact, many other wrestlers have privately asked Hart if he could lend them his services, hoping to boost their careers. But Hart won't do it. "My main man is the Hulk," he said. "Just keeping everything smooth with him is enough!"

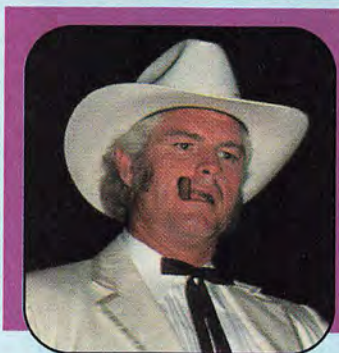
It's enough for Hogan, and obviously enough for the fans.

RUNNERS-UP



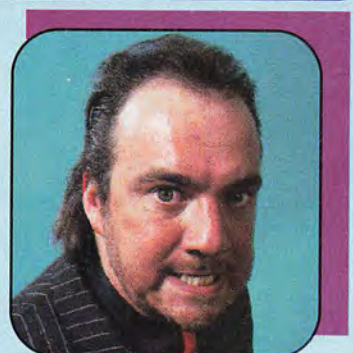
TED DiBIASE
11,982 votes

First runner-up: DiBiase built a tremendous stable of rulebreakers this past year, including Bam Bam Bigelow, the "Evil" Undertaker, Irwin R. Schyster, Nikolai Volkoff, King Kong Bundy, and Tatanka. Wow! That's a lot of evil! Even though he doesn't wrestle anymore, due to a neck injury, DiBiase's influence continues to spread.



COL. ROBERT PARKER
8,940 votes

Second runner-up: WCW's answer to Ted DiBiase, Col. Parker also enlisted the help of some vicious rulebreakers, including Steve Austin, Terry Funk, Arn Anderson, and Bunkhouse Buck. He has had his problems in the ring, but he does have the managerial talent to lead one—or several—of his men to WCW gold in 1995.



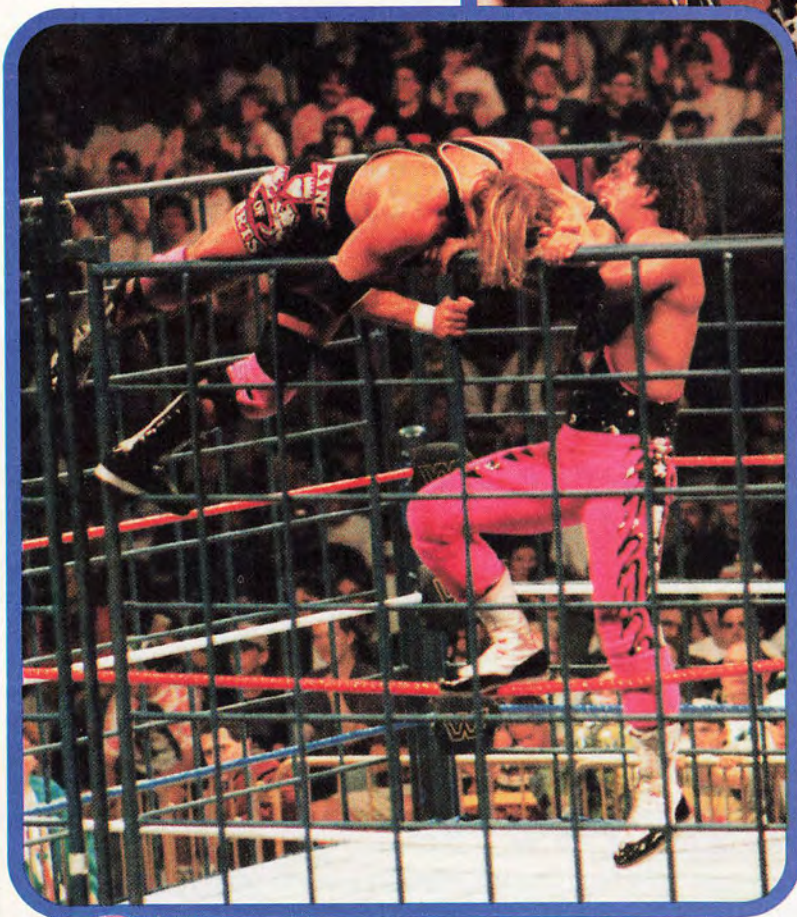
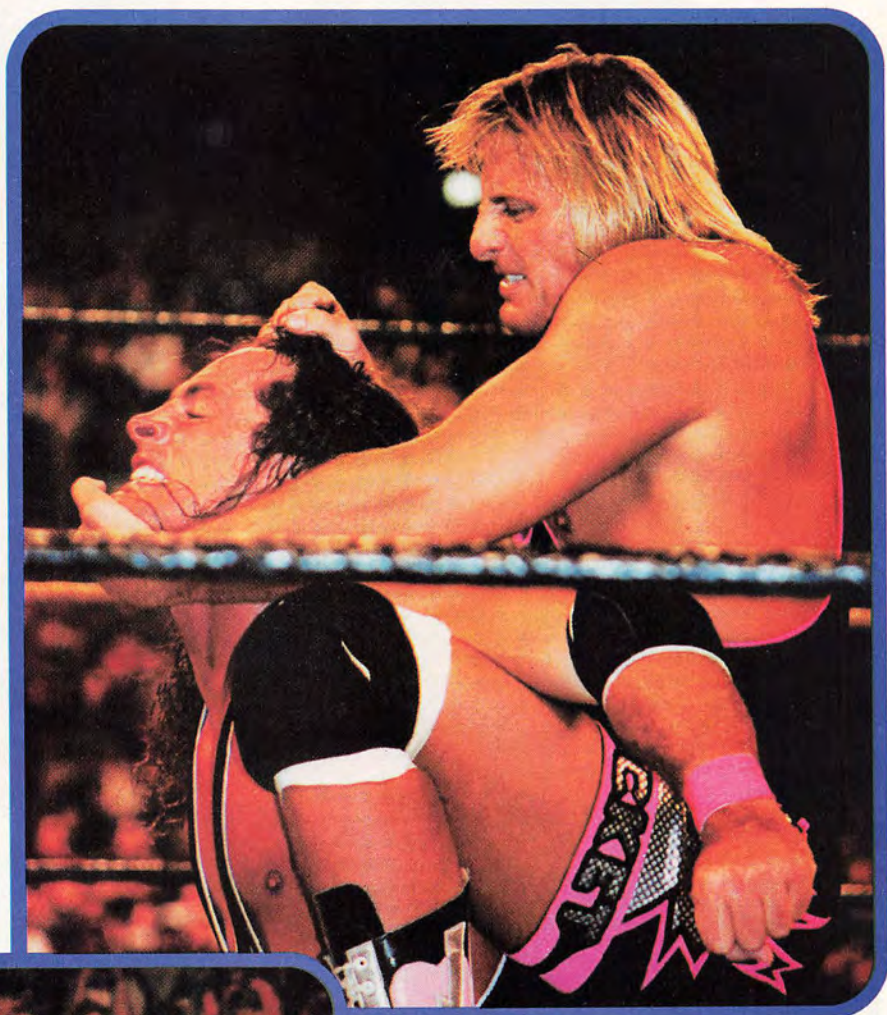
PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY
8,871 votes

Third runner-up: Dangerously dominated ECW this year, managing the Rookie of the Year, 911, and the unpredictable Sabu. Dangerously seems to have found a home in Philadelphia, and true fans of his know that they can not predict what he is going to do next. The only one who really knows his next move is Paul E. himself—and he's not telling.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (24,225)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Capt. Lou Albano, Paul Bearer, Jim Cornette, Mr. Fuji, Tammy Fytch, Harley Race, and Sir William.

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FEUD OF THE YEAR

BRET HART'S A nice guy. Really. Then why the heck is he one of the participants in the Feud of the Year for the second straight time? Last year, it was Hart vs. Jerry Lawler. This year things got a little more personal.

Bret Hart vs. Owen Hart may have been a treat for the fans, but it tore the hearts right out of the chests of a woman named Helen and a man named Stu.

"You have to feel for the parents," wrote Lori Jean Walsh of Spring Hill, Florida. "I can't watch Owen and Bret wrestle without thinking of them."

The Bret-Owen feud dominated the WWF this year, with the two brothers battling in arenas all over the world. While the results have been lopsided (Owen's only clean victory came at WrestleMania X), the matches have been nothing short of outstanding. The Harts have thrilled fans with their hour-long marathon matches, and also battled at SummerSlam, where it was hoped the feud would end inside a steel cage. However, now Owen has aligned himself with Jim Neidhart,

BRET HART vs. OWEN HART 17,004 votes



Bret's former tag team partner, and Bob Backlund, and the feud is heating up all over again.

"Hart vs. Hart was definitely the feud

of the year," wrote Mary Ann Hischak of Hartford, Connecticut. "I remember the one match that they fought here, and they must have given it their all for about 65, 70 minutes. There was non-stop action, and the atmosphere that night was unforgettable. It was so obvious how much Owen is jealous of his brother, and the disdain that he has for him. It's too bad, but it's provided us with some great matches."

Indeed. Both Bret and Owen are tremendous scientific wrestlers, and their matches are a mix of scientific knowledge, a little bit of brawling, and a whole lot of emotion. Night after night, the two brothers give everything they've got, thrilling fans wherever they battle.

For Stu Hart, it's the worst kind of *deja vu*. He remembers when his two sons would wrestle in their basement, training for their pro careers. Now, they are battling each for real for all the world to see.

While it's a nightmare for him and his wife, it's a dream come true for true wrestling fans.

RUNNERS-UP



HULK HOGAN vs. RIC FLAIR 16,898 votes

First runner-up: Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair was one of the most eagerly anticipated feuds of the year, and it didn't disappoint. Hogan totally dominated the series, beating Flair in arenas all over the world. It's a bit sad to see the great "Nature Boy" end his career on such a sour note.



RANDY SAVAGE vs. CRUSH 11,209 votes

Second runner-up: Randy Savage and Crush was an early candidate for Feud of the Year. These two men displayed such intensity and hatred for each other, and undoubtedly would have received more votes had the feud taken place later in the year. People tend to forget, but the wrestlers never will.

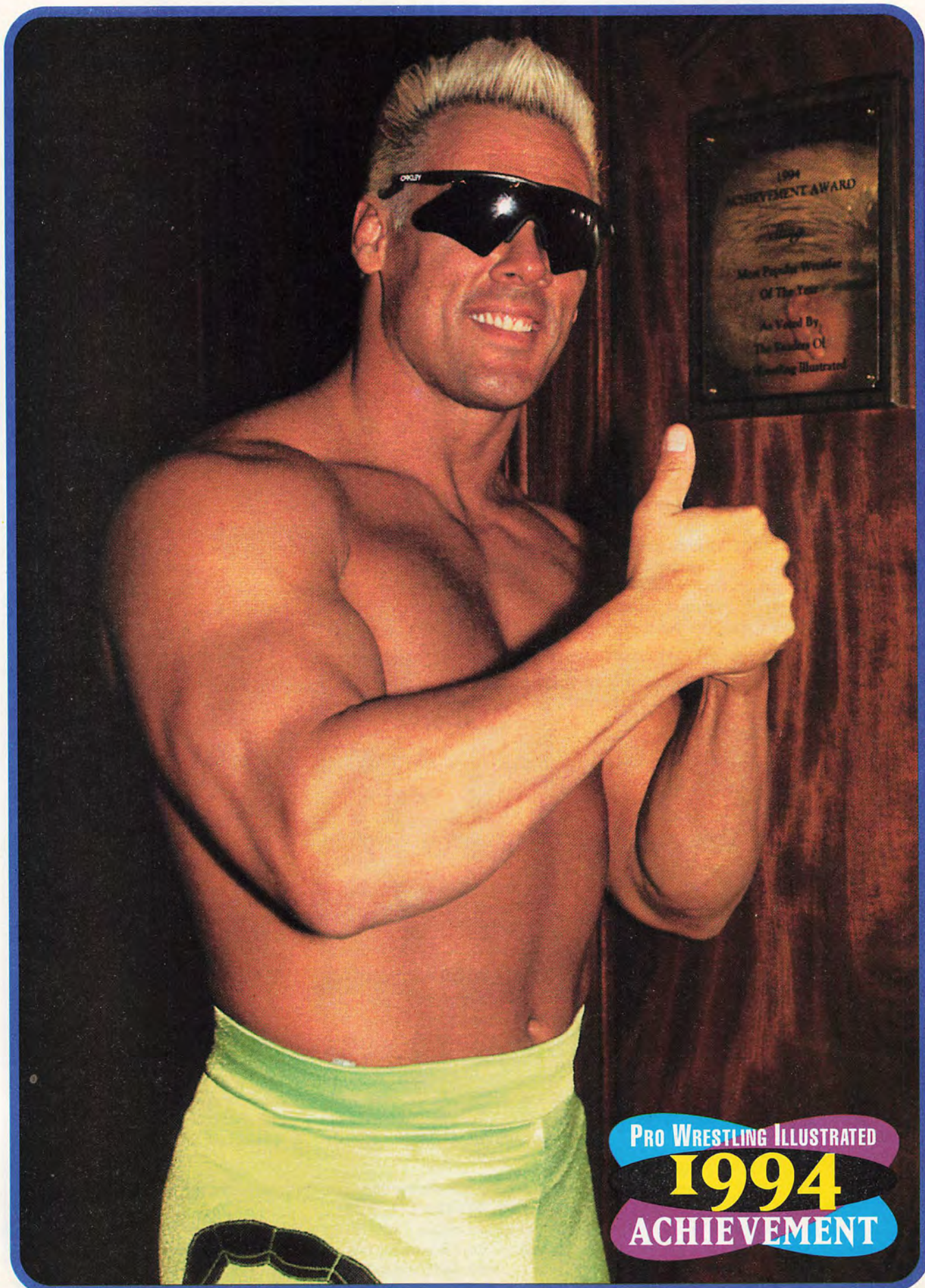


SABU vs. TERRY FUNK 8,098 votes

Third runner-up: Sabu and Terry Funk thrilled fans on independent cards all over the country throughout much of 1994 with their hard-nosed, never-back-down style of wrestling. Sabu proved to the world that he is a force to be reckoned with now and in the future, and Funk, at 50, proved he still has it.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (18,324)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Tony Anthony vs. Brian Lee, Steve Austin vs. Brian Pillman, Bunkhouse Buck vs. Dustin Rhodes, Diesel/Shawn Michaels vs. Razor Ramon, Ric Flair vs. Big Van Vader, The Heavenly Bodies vs. The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Konnan vs. Jake Roberts, and Irwin R. Schyster vs. Tatanka.



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MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

FOR STING, THE WCW arrival of the most popular wrestler in history did not have any effect on the rapport that he has built with his fans. He has won this award three times and even Hulk Hogan himself can't claim to have done any more than that.

"Don't get me wrong," wrote Samantha Barnette of Phoenix. "I love Hulk Hogan. But if you've been a fan of WCW, you know that Sting was fighting for the good of the sport, beating the worst WCW could throw at him long before Hogan ever dreamed of wrestling in this federation. I hope Sting doesn't think that just because Hogan is here that the fans don't care about him."

If he has any doubts, he shouldn't now.

With all the honors Sting has earned in this category, it's difficult to remember the time early in his career, when he was a rulebreaker in the old UWF. In addition to be named Most Popular Wrestler of the Year three times, Sting was first runner-up in 1990 and 1993, second runner-up in 1988 and 1989, and just recently was

STING
19,048 votes



named Most Popular Wrestler of the Half-Decade by our sister magazine *Inside Wrestling*.

Even though Sting didn't capture the

WCW World championship this year, he did win the WCW European Cup, and also held the WCW International title. While this now-defunct championship was not recognized by *PWI*, the manner in which he captured it the second time illustrates perfectly why Sting is one of the most popular and respected wrestlers in history.

Sting was defeated for the title by Rick Rude in Fukuoka, Japan, in March, but Rude was stripped of the belt before a scheduled defense against Big Van Vader at Slamboree '94 in Philadelphia. WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel wanted to return the title to Sting, but Sting insisted on winning the title in the ring, not in a boardroom. Since Vader was Rude's scheduled opponent, Sting asked Bockwinkel to give the title to the winner of a match between him and Big Van Vader. With the fans cheering him on, Sting pinned the massive Vader to win the match and the championship.

Our hats are off to one of the few men in this profession who feels that unearned success is not success at all.

RUNNERS-UP



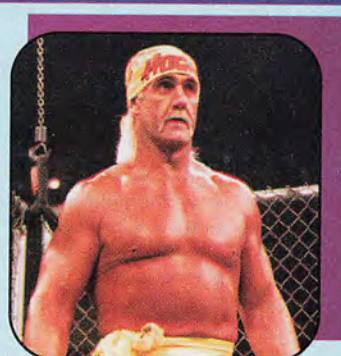
BRET HART
13,774 votes

First runner-up: The WWF World champion had an emotionally difficult 1994, as has been well-documented. Hart did not crack under the enormous pressure he was facing, and he knows he owes a lot to his fans, of which there are many. "I couldn't have made it through this year without them," he said.



THE UNDERTAKER
11,503 votes

Second runner-up: The Undertaker was reportedly offered a seven-figure deal by Ted DiBiase upon his return to the U.S. from his tour of Japan. All he had to do was sell his soul to the evil manager. But there is a sincere man beneath that dark exterior, and the fans can see right through to his soul.

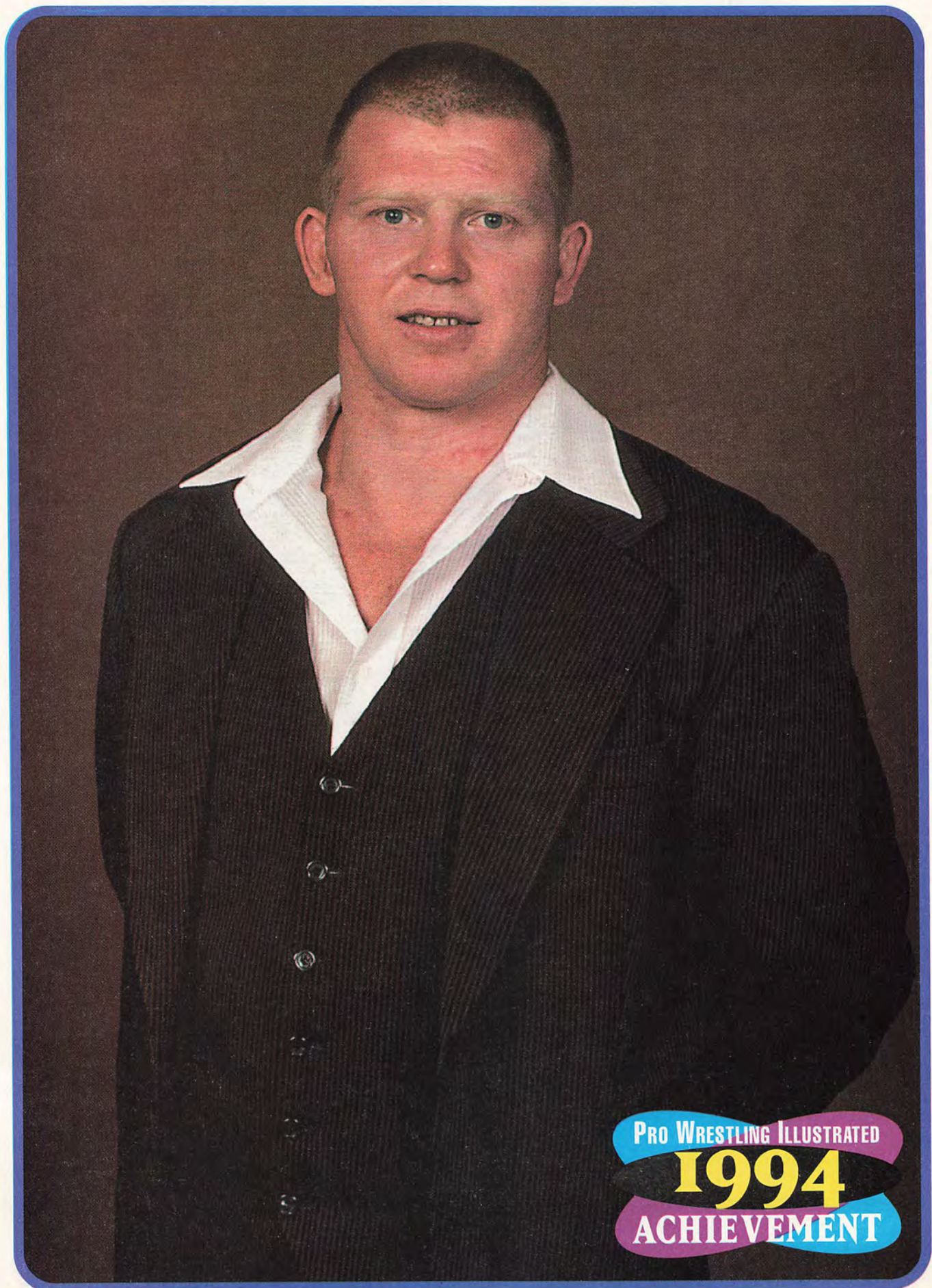


HULK HOGAN
11,479 votes

Third runner-up: Hogan entered WCW this summer and immediately won the World championship from Ric Flair. Hogan is in unfamiliar territory right now, and not every fan has openly embraced him. But enough have to bring him rushing back toward the level of popularity he enjoyed during the 1980s.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (18,237)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Tony Anthony, Cactus Jack, Doink the Clown, The Kid, Jerry Lawler, Lex Luger, and Razor Ramon.



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MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

WE NEVER THOUGHT we'd see it. First, Bob Backlund—rulebreaker. Now, Bob Backlund—Most Hated Wrestler of the Year. And it wasn't even close.

Backlund received almost 21,000 votes, blowing away the rest of the field and beating first runner-up Owen Hart by more than 5,500 votes. Incredible!

"He's a damn disgrace," wrote 55-year-old fan Stan McGinnis of Bangor, Maine. "I've always admired Backlund because he never strayed from the rule-book. You could always count on him for some good, clean wrestling, the way it should be. Now he pulls this stuff, and it shows you what kind of man he was all along."

We doubt that, Mr. McGinnis. Backlund truly was a good man, which is what makes this sudden change so difficult to accept.

The first indication that Backlund was turning occurred after his long-awaited title shot at Bret Hart. Hart beat Backlund cleanly, but Backlund couldn't take his

BOB BACKLUND 20,908 votes



failure like a man. He offered Hart a handshake and then put "The Hitman" in his chicken wing, refusing to let go. At the time, Backlund appeared to be confused by his own actions, but in time it became abundantly clear what was happening.

Backlund wasn't content to use the excruciating chicken wing exclusively against wrestlers. He applied it on WWF employee Lou Gianfriddo and, in his most heinous act yet, he locked it on his former manager, 71-year-old Arnold Skaaland.

It was Skaaland who Backlund blames for the demise of his career more than a decade ago. Backlund feels that Skaaland was responsible for him losing the WWF World title to The Iron Sheik in 1983. Backlund entered that match with an injured back as the result of an attack by the Sheik just a few days earlier. When the former Iranian Olympian maneuvered Backlund into his camel clutch, Skaaland, fearing permanent injury to the man he treated like a son, threw in the white towel as a sign of surrender.

This title defeat is the inspiration that Backlund uses now in his quest to regain the WWF World championship, a title he feels he never lost. But even if he does regain the championship, he has disappointed the fans who loved and respected him for so long.

RUNNERS-UP



OWEN HART 14,201 votes

First runner-up: In 1994, Owen Hart emerged from Bret Hart's shadow to become the number-one contender to the WWF title. Pretty good jump, but if you take into consideration that Owen had cash in his principles, there was a pretty high price to pay. He might not see it that way yet, but the fans obviously do.



BIG VAN VADER 13,569 votes

Second runner-up: Surprisingly, this is only Vader's second finish among the top three of this category. Beating up Sting and The Guardian Angel and challenging Hulk Hogan is a good way to get you there. People cannot deny Vader his ability. You have to hate Vader, but it seems like you really don't want to. He's that good.



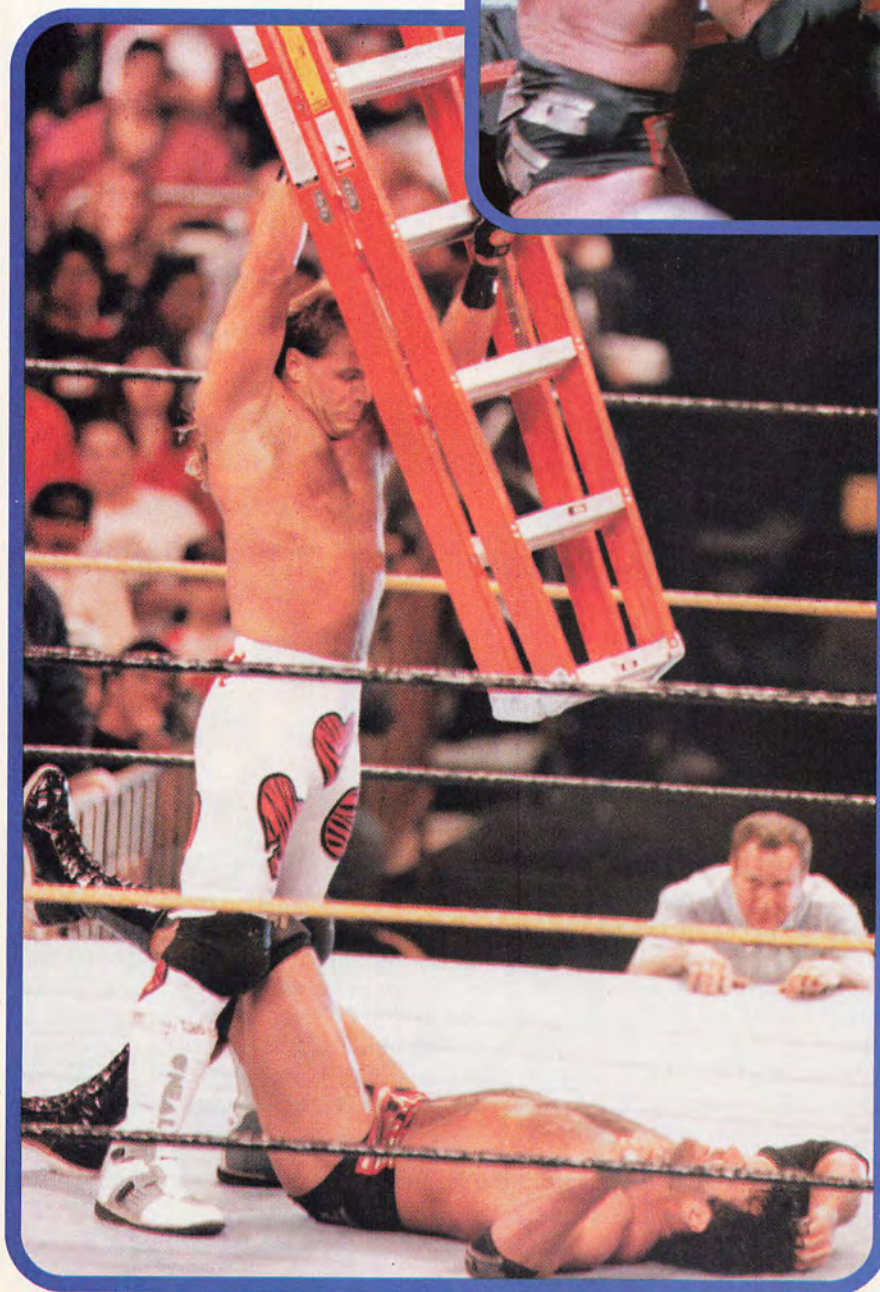
JERRY LAWLER 10,512 votes

Third runner-up: Last year's winner did a lot to make sure he was in the running again. Feuds with Roddy Piper and Doink the Clown helped. A great wrestler with a big mouth, Lawler is one of the most recognizable wrestling personalities ever. Hated in the WWF, while popular in Memphis, he received votes in both categories.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (14,972)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Arn Anderson, Steve Austin, Bunkhouse Buck, Diesel, Ric Flair, The Gangstas, Shawn Michaels, Jim Neidhart, Lord Steven Regal, and Tatanka.

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MATCH OF THE YEAR

"THAT WAS THE greatest match I ever saw."
"Incredible!"

"One of the best matches I've seen anywhere, not just at WrestleMania."

The above comments are not from fans, but from the staff members of *PWI* after witnessing one of the greatest matches of all-time: Shawn Michaels vs. Razor Ramon for the undisputed Intercontinental championship in a ladder match at WrestleMania X on March 20. Not only did our staff love the match, close to 19,000 of you decided it was the Match of the Year. It was also named Match of the Half-Decade by our sister magazine *Inside Wrestling*.

"I'm somewhat of a purist, and when I first heard that a championship this important was going to be decided by who could climb a ladder and grab a pair of belts, I was a little disappointed," wrote Ed Teleme of Oakland, California. "But after watching that match, I would have to say that this match was the greatest I've ever seen."

Ramon scored the win when he climbed

SHAWN MICHAELS VS. RAZOR RAMON 18,880 votes



the ladder to retrieve the belts at 18:45. But every second before that was pure action.

Ramon's I-C belt and Michaels disput-

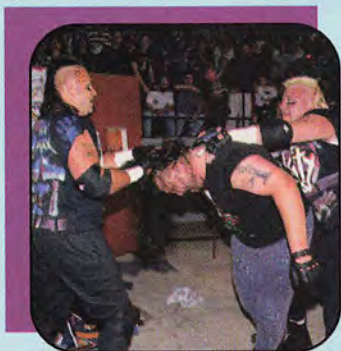
ed belt were suspended high above the ring, and Michaels started off quickly at 5:00 by using the ladder on Ramon. He tried to climb the ladder to get an easy victory, but Ramon pulled him down by his trunks—literally.

With his backside hanging out, Michaels continued his assault on Ramon with the ladder. At one point, Michaels folded the ladder, brought it to a corner, climbed the top rope, and fell—with the ladder—onto Ramon. In another spectacular move, Michaels climbed to the top of the ladder and dove from the top onto Ramon.

The end was near when Ramon and Michaels both made their way to the top of the ladder. Ramon shook him off, and Michaels flew off the top and landed with his legs tied up in the ropes. With Michaels tied up and helpless, Ramon climbed the ladder and removed the belts to claim the victory.

Even with nine months remaining in the year, few who witnessed the spectacle doubted that this was a sure bet for Match of the Year.

RUNNERS-UP



THE NASTY BOYS vs. CACTUS JACK & MAXX PAYNE 13,502 votes

First runner-up: Wild! That's the best word to use when describing this April 17 Spring Stampede contest. Jack, Payne, and the Nastys battled all over the arena, with all four men suffering serious wounds. The result of this match was a victory for the fans who witnessed it—and a loss for all the participants.



RIC FLAIR vs. HULK HOGAN 12,093 votes

Second runner-up: Flair and Hogan had met before, but never with the spotlight shining as brightly as it did at the July 17 Bash at the Beach. Hogan, battling in his first WCW match and before a hometown Orlando crowd, turned in arguably the finest performance of his career in winning his sixth world title.

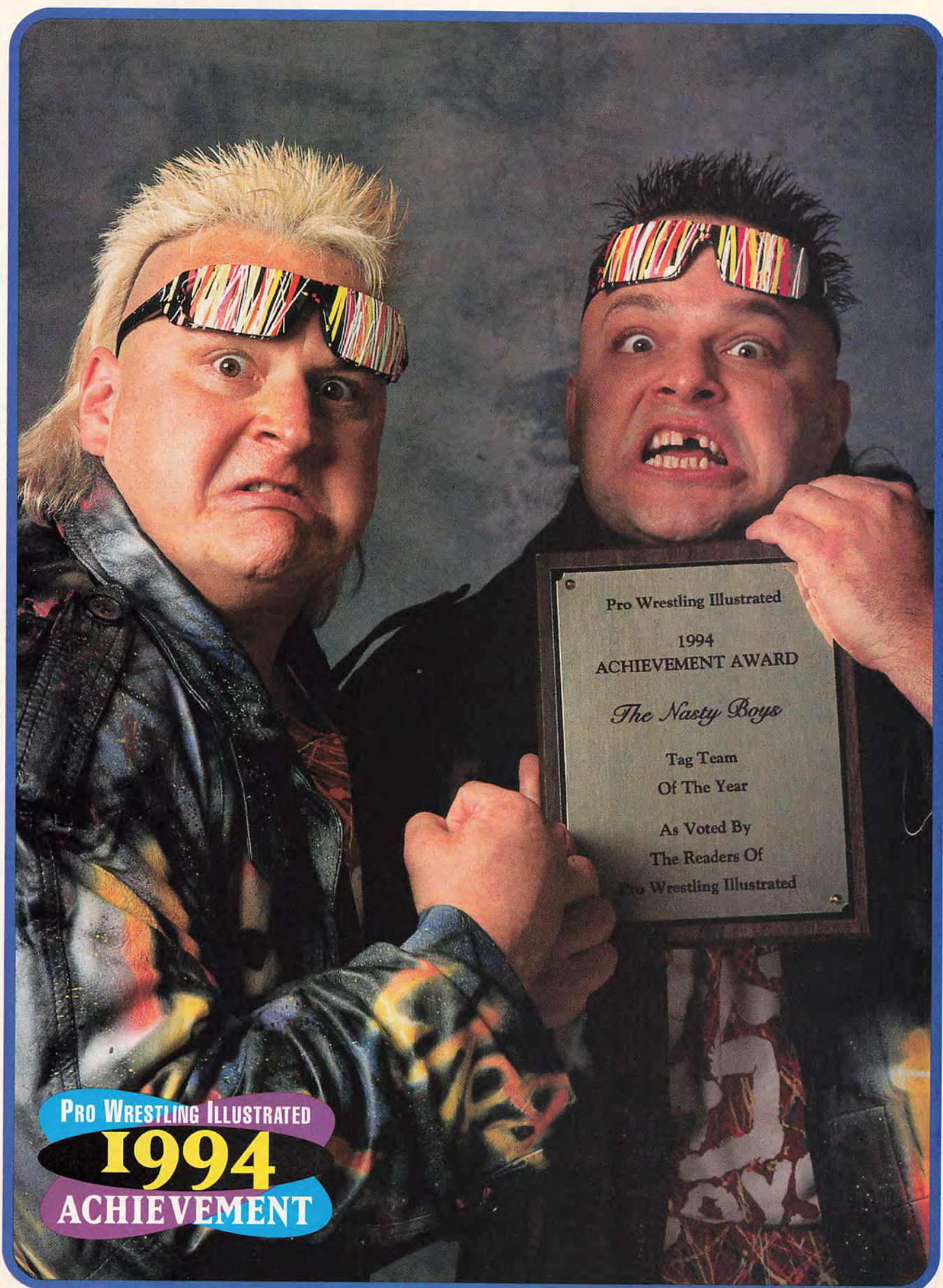


ALUNDRA BLAYZE vs. BULL NAKANO 10,341 votes

Third runner-up: This SummerSlam showdown marked the first time a women's match has ever finished among the top three, and anyone who witnessed it knows it is deserving of the honor. Intensity, brutality, and courage know no gender. This August 29 match featured champion Blayze and challenger Nakano at their best, and it was a classic.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (18,743)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: January 22: Lex Luger and Bret Hart co-win Royal Rumble; February 28: Terry Funk vs. Sabu; March 20: Bret Hart vs. Owen Hart; June 23: Ric Flair vs. Sting; June 24: Cactus Jack vs. Sabu; July 2: Bret Hart vs. The Kid; August 24: Steve Austin vs. Rick Steamboat; and October 23: Ric Flair vs. Hulk Hogan.



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TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

TAG TEAM WRESTLING isn't what it used to be. That's what everybody has been saying, anyway. Well, don't offer that theory to The Nasty Boys. The Nasty Boys are so tired of hearing that, they're getting downright ornery. And they're beginning to take it out on their opponents.

The Nastys are nasty naturally. You don't want to say anything to get them even nastier.

Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs started the year as rulebreakers, with manager Missy Hyatt at their side and the WCW World tag team championship strapped firmly around their waists. At Spring Stampede, they battled Cactus Jack and Maxx Payne for the title in a match that would have been Match of the Year had it not been in competition with the Match of the Half-Decade, the Shawn Michaels-Razor Ramon WrestleMania X ladder match.

The Nasty Boys went at it again with Cactus Jack and his new partner, Kevin Sullivan, at Slamboree in Philadelphia. Philly fans are known for their love of

THE NASTY BOYS 18,904 votes



blood and violence, and they weren't disappointed. Tables, fire extinguishers, lighting poles, hockey sticks, you name it, both teams used it. This bout was marred

by controversy, as special referee Dave Schultz (former goon of the Stanley Cup-winning Philadelphia Flyers) was directly involved in the outcome.

With Jack prone on the mat, Sags went to retrieve Schultz' hockey stick. He grabbed it, but Schultz wouldn't let go. Sags spit on Schultz, and the referee immediately started battering Sags with tremendous lefts and rights to the head. Jack, who had regained his senses, picked up the stick, slammed Sags with it, and Schultz bent down and counted a super-fast three count. The decision stood, and The Nasty Boys were champs no longer.

After a successful trip to the Orient, the Nastys returned to find "Pretty Wonderful," Paul Orndorff and Paul Roma, in the top spot. Undaunted, the Nastys immediately made challenges to the champs and the fans rallied to their side. Despite several victories in non-title matches, the belts have thus far eluded their grasp, but don't make the mistake of counting the Nastys out. And don't insult them by saying today's tag team scene is weak.

RUNNERS-UP



THE HEADSHRINKERS 14,069 votes

First runner-up: The Headshrinkers enjoyed a long run as WWF World tag champs before losing the belts to Shawn Michaels and Diesel. Under the guidance of Samoan Afa and Capt. Lou Albano, who taught Samu and Fatu how to channel their ferocity and win matches, The 'Shrinkers had their best year ever.



PUBLIC ENEMY 12,012 votes

Second runner-up: Surprised? We were. Obviously, the "Hoodies" are making some kind of impression on the wrestling world. "Flyboy" Rocco Rock and Johnny Grunge reigned as ECW tag champs for much of the year, but with relatively little exposure, it's a testament to their accomplishments that they received this many votes.



THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS 9,047 votes

Third runner-up: Great tag teams don't fade away, they just keep winning titles. The Rock 'n' Rolls did just that, winning the Smoky Mountain tag team titles four times during the year. Robert Gibson and Rick Morton are still immensely popular, and their matches against The Gangstas have been nothing short of phenomenal.

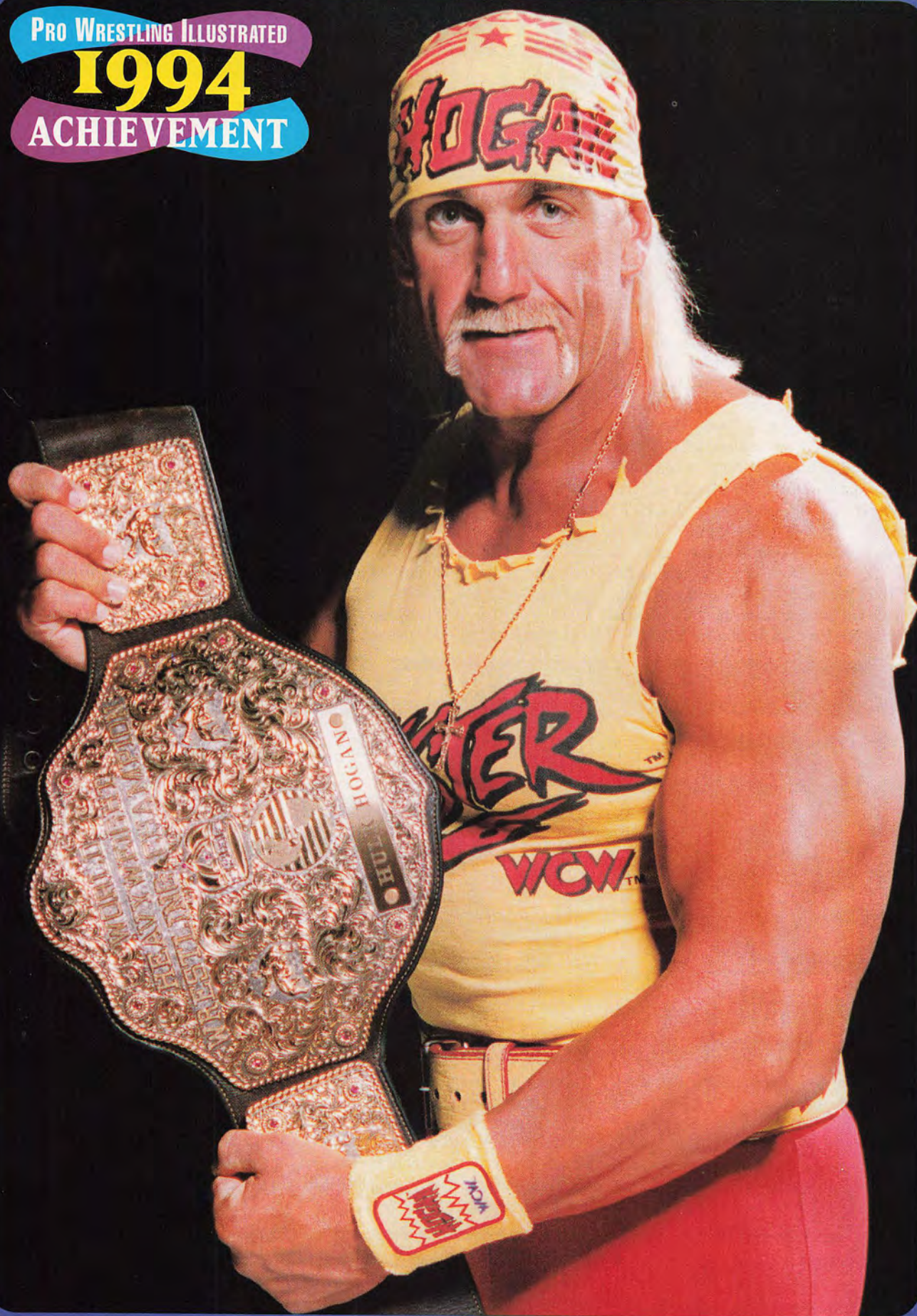
VOTES FOR OTHERS (19,512)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Marcus Alexander Bagwell & The Patriot, Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan, Chris Candido & Brian Lee, The Heavenly Bodies, Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma, PG-13, The Quebecers, and George South & Italian Stallion.

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WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

HULK HOGAN IN WCW? It still doesn't seem to fit. It took somebody as strong as Hogan to make it fit.

"I still can't believe it when I turn on *WCW Saturday Night* and I see Hulk Hogan," said Bob Rose of San Diego. "I half expect to see Vince McMahon's face pop up on the screen."

Well, that will never happen, but it's a safe bet that Vince's face is red with anger now that his meal-ticket is promoting his shiny new WCW World title belt around the world.

When Hogan beat Ric Flair for the WCW World championship on July 17, he all but assured himself of his third Wrestler of the Year award.

Hogan's signing with WCW was heralded by WCW announcers as "the greatest moment in sports history," which might be a bit of a stretch, but what he accomplished in beating Ric Flair ... after a long layoff ... after testifying in the Vince McMahon steroid trial ... after being blindsided by Sherri Martel ... will be recorded in the history books as one of this sport's great moments.

HULK HOGAN 20,721 votes



Hogan, years past his prime in the eyes of most observers, wrestled perhaps the best all-around match of his life in pinning Flair in just under 22 minutes. The WCW-

Hogan marriage began in a big way, but then again, that's the only way the "Hulkster" ever does anything.

Flair, coming off his December 1993 title victory over the believed-to-be-invincible Big Van Vader, was stunned by the loss and is widely believed to have masterminded the sneak-attack by a club-wielding hooded man at Clash of the Champions XXVIII at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Hogan was rushed to the hospital, and despite tremendous pain, came back to the arena and ended up defeating the "Nature Boy" by countout to hold on to his championship.

On WCW's European tour, Hogan dominated Flair from London to Vienna, pinning him in every match. Hogan put the final punctuation mark on his dominance over Flair by beating him in a "loser-must-retain" steel cage match at Halloween Havoc.

More significant than his personal accomplishments, Hogan has carried an entire federation on his mighty shoulders to a point at which it is no longer considered to be second-best to its northern rival.

RUNNERS-UP



BRET HART 16,341 votes

First runner-up: The current WWF World champion endured a difficult 1994, but still managed to keep a firm grip on the title. Hart faced a variety of challengers, including his own brother and brother-in-law, and lived up to his image of being a "fighting champion."



RAZOR RAMON 14,002 votes

Second runner-up: Underachiever? *No mas.* Ramon left all of his critics in the dust, retaining the WWF Intercontinental for the majority of the year. Ramon bested Michaels in a war of attrition at WrestleMania, and regained the title from Diesel at SummerSlam.



RIC FLAIR 13,912 votes

Third runner-up: Having left the sport after a streak of losses to Hulk Hogan, it's easy to forget that Flair was WCW World champ for more than half of 1994 following his shocking win over Big Van Vader. Assuming he doesn't sign with another federation, he will be sorely missed.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (7,030)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Tony Anthony, Steve Austin, Alundra Blayze, Diesel, Lex Luger, Sabu, Rick Steamboat, and Sting.

EDITORS' AWARD

CAPT. LOU ALBANO

IF SOMEBODY HAD told Capt. Lou Albano 13 years ago that he would one day be the recipient of the *PWI* Editors' Award, he probably would have said, "Who cares?" and walked away.

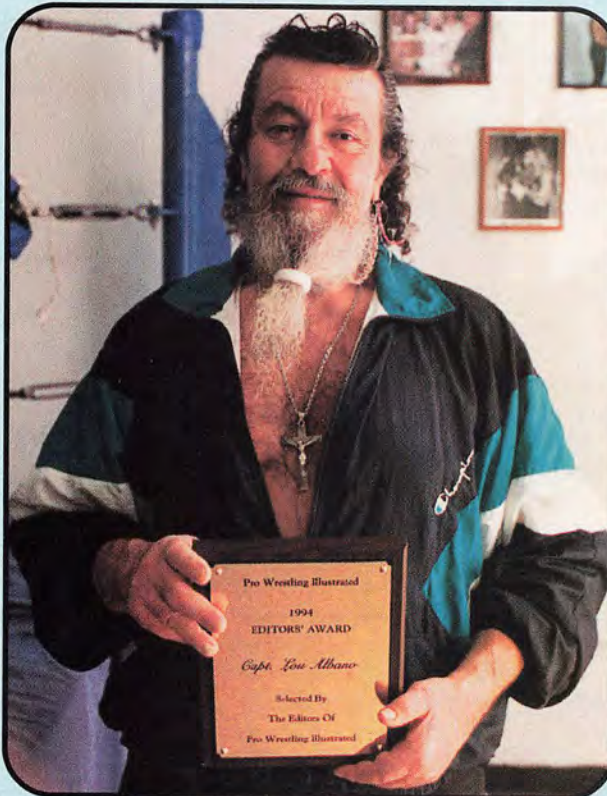
But time has changed Albano. It didn't mellow him, not in the least. But because he changed, Albano's many accomplishments—including, of course, managing 13 different tag teams to 17 WWF World tag team titles—are seen in a different light. Ivan Koloff's victory (under Albano's management) over Bruno Sammartino in 1971, which ended Sammartino's first WWF World title reign, is also seen more positively than it might have been had Albano not "seen the light."

And now, his reaction to winning the Editors' Award is far more humble than it might have been had he won it in the 1970s or early-1980s.

"I'm in some great company," Albano said. "People like Lou Thesz, Buddy Rogers, Bruno Sammartino, and Stanley Weston have won this award. It's a great honor for me. Being in wrestling for some 43 years, being the manager of tag team champions, two Intercontinental champions, and one world champion, I feel very honored and privileged."

The Editors' Award is a lifetime achievement award and the recipient is judged for his accomplishments over his entire career. Albano has wrestled, managed champions, and used his name for charitable causes. The general public probably knows him best for his fundraising efforts for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

"We've raised about \$50-million for MS," Albano said. "Multiple sclerosis is a terrible disease; millions of people around the world have it. They feel if they can cure MS, it perhaps can be a breakthrough in finding the cure for cancer or AIDS."



Albano's return to the WWF was one of the most pleasant surprises of the past year. He hadn't managed a team to the WWF World tag team title since April 7, 1986, when he led The British Bulldogs to victory over Greg Valentine and Brutus Beefcake. During his years away from the wrestling spotlight (he occasionally appeared on independent cards and co-hosted a phone line with Sammartino), Albano appeared in several movies and TV shows. He has also used his offbeat personality to help others.

It looked like wrestling was becoming a part of Albano's past. But it was always in the back of his mind.

Finally, disgusted by The Quebecers' tactics as they defended the WWF World tag team title, Albano stepped out of one spotlight and into another. As a favor to his good friend Afa, he returned to the WWF to advise The Headshrinkers. On April 26 in Burlington, Vermont, Albano led his men to a title victory over The Quebecers. Albano called it "a dream

come true for Fatu and Samu."

Albano has helped many dreams come true. Sammartino seemed invincible before Koloff upset him. It was Koloff's skill, combined with Albano's confidence, that made that victory possible.

"I knew Bruno Sammartino had a weakness," Albano said. "I knew we could beat him. I knew at that time that Ivan Koloff was the greatest wrestler in the world and I put him in there against Bruno and we squashed him like a grape."

Wrestler after wrestler has benefited from Albano's genius. Baron Mikel Scicluna and King Curtis. The Mongols. The Valiants. The Samoans. The Moondogs. The list goes on. Which team was the best? Albano won't say. Which team was the toughest to manage?

"The Moondogs," Albano said, "because they were a little soft upstairs."

The same has been said of Albano, but you really can't judge a book by its cover. Albano has hair that looks like it has never been combed and a scraggly beard that's bunched up with a rubber band. His Hawaiian shirts are unbuttoned to the navel, revealing a body that, while slimmer than before, is nothing to brag about.

But Albano doesn't put on airs. What you see is what you get.

His latest cause is The Headshrinkers, who are trying to regain the belts from Shawn Michaels and Diesel.

"The Headshrinkers were cheated out of the belts by Shawn Michaels and Diesel," he said. "And I do believe if we get the opportunity, we will get them back. I have the greatest trainer in the world, Afa, and we do a lot of training at his gym. I expect big, big, big, things from these Headshrinkers."

Albano expects tag team title number 18 and only a fool would bet against him. □

YOUR UNOFFICIAL/OFFICIAL AWARDS FOR 1994



Andy Warhol Achievement Award: Marcus Bagwell, for his 15-minutes-of-fame-style title reigns

—Chad Salinas, Orlando, FL

All I Want For Christmas Is My ... Ear Back: Cactus Jack

—Melvin Spears, Detroit, MI

All Trick, No Treat: Brutus Beefcake shows his true colors by stabbing Hulk Hogan in the back at Halloween Havoc

—Terry Ward, Westland, MI

Since we began soliciting them for our "Achievement '85" edition, your "Unofficial/Official Awards" have become a year-end favorite for many—and this year, with the addition of the "PWI Voteline" telephone voting system, it's become even more fun! This is where we ask readers to invent outrageous awards for the past year, then bestow those awards upon appropriately deserving recipients. It's fun, it's creative, and it's an annual celebration of the wildness and individuality inherent in this unique sport. So here we go again—well, actually, here you go again—with your "Unofficial/Official Awards" For 1994!

Another Zeus: Meng

—Gary Lutz, Bronx, NY

Bag Of Hot Air: The WWF's "New Generation" hype

—Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA

Bald Is Not Beautiful: Jake Roberts

—Randy Kirby, Miamisburg, OH

Be Afraid ... Be Very Afraid: Dusty Rhodes' comeback

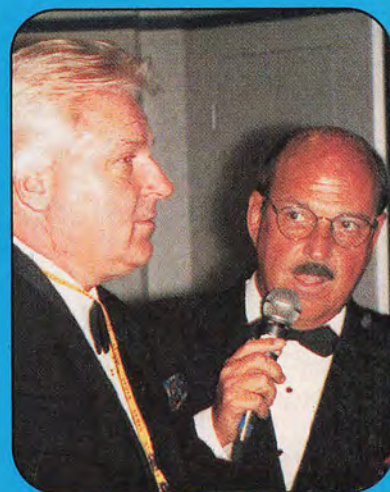
—Chad Fitts, Dahlonge, GA

Been Sighted More Often Than Elvis: The NWA

—Brian Jordan, Edenton, NC

Best Accent: Razor Ramon

—Patricia Uher, Scranton, PA



Beavis And Butt-Head Of Broadcasting: Bobby Heenan and Gene Okerlund

—Rich Stagnato, Woodbridge, VA

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Best Actor Academy Award: George "The Animal" Steele as Tor Johnson in *Ed Wood*
 —David Rosenberg, Daytona Beach, FL

Best Hairstyle: Bull Nakano
 —Dave Hitchens, Beachwood, NJ

Best Inanimate Object Of The Year Not Named Undertaker: The ladder from the Razor Ramon-Shawn Michaels WrestleMania X bout
 —Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Best New Show: *WWF Action Zone*
 —Anthony Sessa, Belleville, NJ

Bet You Can't Say It Five Times Fast: Bunkhouse Buck and Terry Funk
 —Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Better Off Undead: The Undertaker
 —Randy Kirby, Miamisburg, OH

Best Reasons For Universal Health Care: Cactus Jack and Sabu
 —Thomas Bansing, Reading, PA



Best Moon Shot Since The Apollo Missions: Shawn Michaels at WrestleMania X
 —Greg Necastro, Norcross, GA



Chuck D's Favorite Tag Team: Public Enemy
 —Brian Jordan, Edenton, NC

Best Submission Hold: Bret Hart's "sharpshooter"
 —Leslie Wagers, Morristown, TN

Call Him The Barber, The Butcher, The Baker, Or The Candlestickmaker—He's Still A Loser: Brutus Beefcake
 —Erik Zieba, Ft. Huachuca, AZ

Call The Fashion Police—Quick! Capt. Lou Albano wearing sarongs to the ring
 —Steven Blance, Flushing, NY

Coming Soon To A Post Office Or Bell Tower Near You: Bob Backlund
 —Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Coolest Laugh: Ted DiBiase and Jim Neidhart (tie)
 —Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Coolest Name For A Wrestler: 911
 —David Latini, Trenton, NJ

Country Crook: Jeff Jarrett
 —Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Court Jester: Jerry Lawler
 —Rodney Cox, Hampstead, MD

Crybaby Of The Year: Johnny Polo
 —Eric Thornton, Kent, WA

Down But Not Out: The WWF
 —Jim Bartlette, Billings, MT

Dusty Rhodes Jell-O Dancing Man Award: "Gigolo" Jimmy Del Ray
 —Kristopher Graham, Dawsonville, GA

Ear's To You: Cactus Jack
 —Phil Summerlin, Jackson, MS

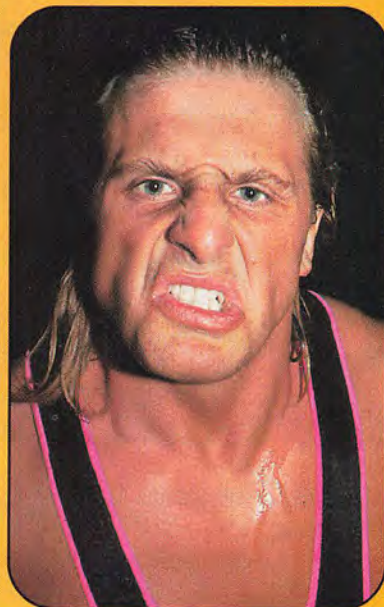
Finally, A Wrestling Champion: Bret Hart
 —Michael Chiapetti, New York, NY

Fluke Of The Decade: Owen Hart defeats Bret Hart at WrestleMania X
 —Darren Winchenbach, Waldoboro, ME

Future Flair: Shane Douglas
 —Scott Juare, Spencer, MA

Future WCW Or WWF Light Heavy-weight Champion: George South
 —Russ Styles, Jacksonville, FL

Greatest Horseman Of All-Time: Tully Blanchard
 —Kelly Gray, Preston, MD



Green-Eyed Monster: Owen Hart
 —Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA



Grumpy Old Men: Col. Rob Parker's Stud Stable
—Terry Ward, Westland, MI

Hairdo Of The Year: Bull Nakano
—Steve Walles, Stoneham, MA

Help! He's Talking, And He Can't Shut Up! Jim Cornette
—Walter Petty, Evansville, IN

Hey, At Least We Didn't Blow Seven Bucks: Hulk Hogan in *Thunder In Paradise*
—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Howard Cosell Most Annoying Announcer Trophy: Vince McMahon
—Eric Thornton, Kent, WA

Hulk Hogan Wannabe: Lex Luger
—Joe Mastronardo, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Human Highlight Film: Sabu
—David Latini, Trenton, NJ

If He's A Gigolo, There's Still Hope For Me: Jimmy Del Ray
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

If This Is The New Generation, Please Take Me Back To The Old One: Doink, Dink, Wink, Pink, Cheezy, Sleazy, Queasy
—Dave E. Pence, Baltimore

Immortal Phony: Hulk Hogan
—Christine Fitzgerald, Lyndhurst, NJ

I'll Take Manhattan For \$24, Alex: Tatanka sells out to Ted DiBiase
—Joseph Coffey, Hartford, CT

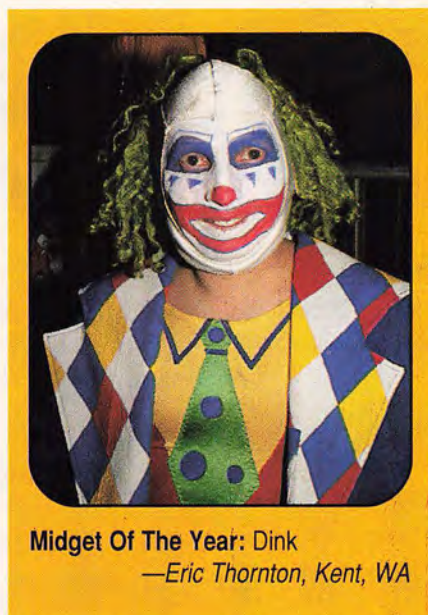
Is That "Stunning" Or "Stunned"?: Steve Austin loses the U.S. title to Hacksaw Duggan at Fall Brawl '94
—Peter Stone, Holtsville, NY

I Think I Can, I Think I Can, I Think I Can ...: Lex Luger
—Mark A. Dilday, Norco, CA

King Of Fools: Owen Hart
—Stella Lea Young, Burnet, TX

Lance Ito Surprise Verdict Award: Vince McMahon beats the steroid rap
—Steven Blance, Flushing, NY

Least Ridiculous Thing In The WWF In 1994: Bastion Booger
—Bryan Berson, West Islip, NY



Lorena Bobbit Superbitch Award: Sensuous Sherri
—Paul Hughes, Bowie, TX

Low Blow Of The Year: WWF forces WCW out of MSG
—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Lukewarm Stuff: Eddie Gilbert
—John M. Pluto, Pottstown, PA

Makes Shawn Michaels Look Like Lyle Lovett: Paul Roma
—Kelly Gray, Preston, MD

Match Of The Century: Ric Flair vs. Hulk Hogan at Halloween Havoc
—Harold Pawlik, Erie, PA

Maybe His Money Is Counterfeit, Too: Ted DiBiase's Undertaker
—Steven Blance, Flushing, NY

Most Exemplary WWF Battle Of The Year: "Double-J," the wrestling country music singer, stops battling Sparky Plugg, the wrestling stock car driver, to feud with Doink, the wrestling circus clown
—Christopher McGlothlin, Radford, VA

NAACP Nightmare: The Gangstas
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Nancy Kerrigan "Why Me?" Trophy: Hulk Hogan
—Marty Kibler, Greensboro, MD

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Night Of the Living Dead: Undertaker At SummerSlam

—Keith Simmons, Moline, IL

No Brain, No Gain: Sid Vicious

—Lynn Sovey, Montreal, Quebec

Once A Windbag, Always A Windbag: Jerry Lawler

—Paul Hughes, Bowie, TX

Overrated Wrestler Of The Year: Lex Luger

—Paul Raasch, Kirksville, MO

Pardon Me, Do You Have Any Grey Poupon? Lord Steven Regal

—Dave E. Pence, Baltimore, MD

Pay-Per-View Of The Year: Lucha Libre: When Worlds Collide

—Greg Necastro, Norcross, GA

Person In The WWF I Would Most Like To See Bob Backlund Put In The Cross-Face Chicken Wing: Todd Pettingill

—David Latini, Trenton, NJ



Never Ceases To Amaze: Big Van Vader's moonsault

—Christine Fitzgerald, Lyndhurst, NJ



Sexiest Babe In Wrestling: Tammy Fytch

—Eric Thornton, Kent, WA

PWI Cover Of The Year: April (Hogan & Flair)

—Matt Alford, Germantown, TN

PWI Writer Of The Year: Dave Rosenbaum

—Andrew Nicholls, Ottawa, Ontario

Rebel Without A Clue: Sid Vicious

—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Shame On You: Bob Backlund

—Kerwin Jeudy, Brooklyn, NY

Shock Of The Century: WCW mentions the words "World Wrestling Federation" on its telecasts

—Chris DiRico, Bridgeport, PA

Should Start His Own Blood Bank: Atsushi Onita

—Brian Jordan, Edenton, NC

Sophisticated Palate Award: The Headshrinkers

—Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA

Stalled At The Starting Line: Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly

—Randy Kirby, Miamisburg, OH

Steiners vs. Money Inc. This Ain't: Quebecers vs. Men On A Mission

—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Still Bad To The Bone: Bob Armstrong

—Walter Petty, Evansville, IN

Still The Best Wrestling Show: WWF Monday Night Raw

—John Hyland, Bayside, NY

Stringbean Of The Year: The Kid

—Stephen Gelormini, Westwood, MA

Superstar In The Making: Jean Paul LeVeque

—Kitty Grams, Dundee, MI

Superstar Waiting To Happen: Rod Price

—Mark A. Dilday, Norco, CA

Tag Team Disappointment: Harlem Heat

—Dave Hitchens, Beachwood, NJ

Takes A Licking (And A Beating, Slamming, Smashing, And Ear-Severing) And Keeps On Ticking: Cactus Jack

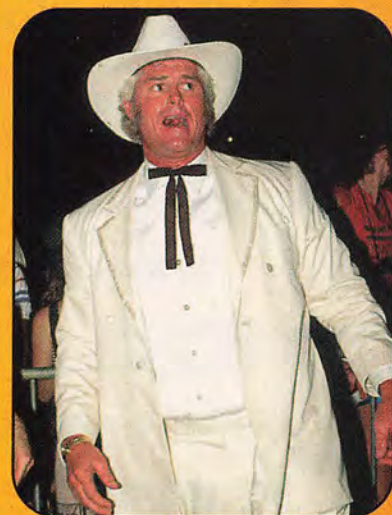
—Rich Stagnato, Woodbridge, VA

Ten Feet Tall And Bulletproof: Diesel

—Jeremy Painter, Luray, VA

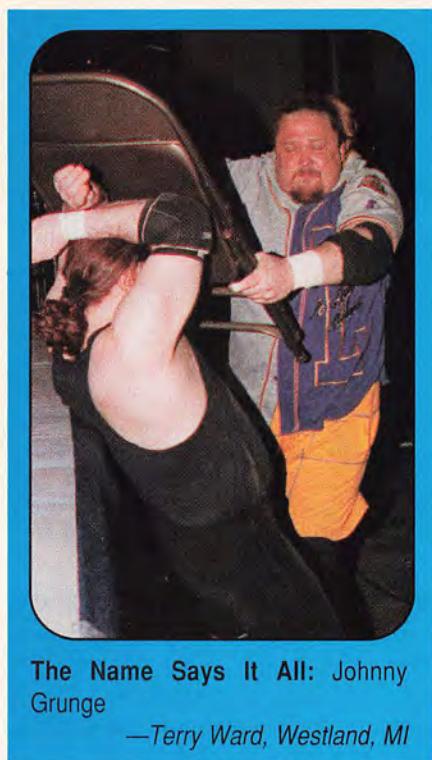
The Legdrop Heard 'Round The World Award: To Hulk Hogan, for defeating Ric Flair at Halloween Havoc

—Charles Davy, Cumberland, MD



The True Voice Of Foghorn Leghorn: Col. Robert Parker

—Brian Jordan, Edenton, NC



The Name Says It All: Johnny Grunge
—Terry Ward, Westland, MI

There Goes The Neighborhood: Hulk Hogan, Hacksaw Duggan, and Honky Tonk Man arrive in WCW
—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

True Champion Without A Belt: Sting
—Patricia Uher, Scranton, PA

Tsom Tsebmud: Evad (Dave?) Sullivan
—Sal Cianci, Ozone Park, NY

Undertaker Memorial R.I.P. Award: Tag team wrestling
—Jim Bartlette, Billings, MT

Upset Of The Year: Hacksaw Duggan over Steve Austin at Fall Brawl
—Scott Juaire, Spencer, MA

Vanilla Ice Of Wrestling: Hulk Hogan
—Brian Hamilton, North Syracuse, NY

Violence Is Golden: Extreme Championship Wrestling
—David Latini, Trenton, NJ

Welcome Back: Davey Boy Smith
—Scott Juaire, Spencer, MA

Wet Firecracker: Adam Bomb
—Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA

What Goes Around Comes Around: Abdullah the Butcher
—Lynn Sovey, Montreal, Quebec

What's In A Name? Everything! Brutus Beefcake
—Max Foster, Dallas, TX

Where Are "They" Now?: Missy Hyatt
—Jesse Lykken, Minneapolis

Who The Hell Is He, Anyway? "WWF Update" man Charlie Minn
—Andrew Nicholls, Ottawa, Ontario

Who's Who—What's That—Huh? Brian Lee/Undertaker
—Raechele Wilson, Rancho Mirage, CA

Will Work For Beer: Dick Murdoch
—Walter Petty, Evansville, IN

Worst Introduction To A Wrestling Program: WCW Saturday Night
—Phil Summerlin, Jackson, MS

Worst Match Ever: Undertaker vs. Undertaker at SummerSlam
—Andrew Nicholls, Ottawa, Ontario

Worst Minor League Player Since Michael Jordan: Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz
—Rodney Cox, Hampstead, MD

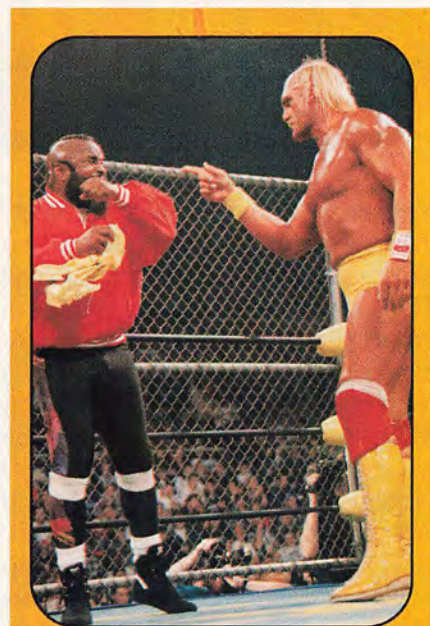


Worst Case Of PMS: Luna Vachon
—Steve Walles, Stoneham, MA

Worst New Federation: Hulk Hogan Wrestling Federation
—Bertrand Hebert, Beauharnois, Quebec

Worst Pay-Per-View Of The Year: Spring Stampede
—Scott Juaire, Spencer, MA

Worst Pay-Per-View Of The Year: SummerSlam '94
—Joshua Christie, Springfield, IL



Worst Referee Ever: Mr. T
—Christine Fitzgerald, Lyndhurst, NJ

Worst There Is, Worst There Was, Worst There Ever Will Be: Owen Hart
—Scott Bova, Waterford, NY

Worst Valet Of The Year: Sensuous Sherri
—Lowell Coffman, Timberville, VA

Worst Vice President Since Dan Quayle: Eric Bischoff
—Dave Goldberg, Clark, NJ

Wrestling's Darkest Hour: Hogan upsets Flair for the WCW World title
—Joseph Garafano, Whitehouse Station, NJ

WWF—The Old Generation: WCW
—Kristopher Graham, Dawsonville, GA □

1995 PREDICTIONS

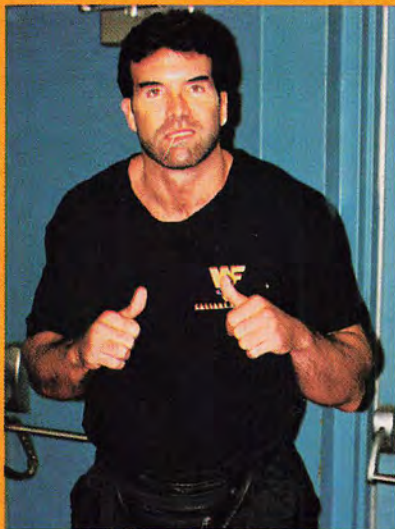
Razor Ramon will lose the WWF Intercontinental title to **Jeff Jarrett** in a controversial Royal Rumble match and **The Kid** will win the title from Jarrett at WrestleMania XI ... **The Bushwhackers** will win the WWF World tag team title and lose it to **Rick** and **Scott Steiner** ... **Ted DiBiase's** Corporation will crumble ... **Alundra Blayze** will continue to hold the WWF World Women's title and will begin to complain about a lack of competition. She will then sign to wrestle **Harvey Wippleman** at WrestleMania and beat him in less than five minutes ... **Steve Austin** and **Dustin Rhodes** will trade the U.S. title several times in an ongoing feud ... **The Road Warriors** will return to WCW to feud with **Paul Orndorff** and **Paul Roma** and will win the tag team

Here we go again with a section in our year-end issue that's a sure reader favorite. Once again, we asked our readers to send in thoughts about what might happen in wrestling over the next 12 months. As we've come to expect, responses were humorous and slightly warped. However, looking at our last year-end issue (cover-dated March 1994), we found that some predictions were very accurate. For instance, Dean Ayass of East Sussex, England, predicted that Ric Flair would retire. Who will be the most accurate seers for 1995? Check this issue a year from now to find out!

belts at a Clash of the Champions card ... **Brian Pillman** will be mysteriously attacked by a high-flying masked man who will be managed by **Kevin Sullivan**. The wrestler will unmask and reveal himself to be **Sabu**.

—Eric Thornton, Kent, WA

Yokozuna will become a fan favorite, as will **Diesel** ... **Sabu** will join the WWF ... **Rick** and **Scott Steiner** and **The Road Warriors** will re-enter WCW ... **Rick Steamboat** will retire ... **Sting** will leave WCW for either the WWF or a film career ... The USWA heavyweight title will change hands 156 times ... **Hulk Hogan** will film a movie for Turner Home Entertainment ... **Lord Steven Regal** will become a respected international star ... ECW will become





Johnny B. Badd will board a New York subway in full costume and will never be heard from again ... The promotional blunder of the year will have **Adam Bomb** headlining cards in Hiroshima and Nagasaki ... At Halloween Havoc '95, **The Undertaker** will make his WCW debut and will be attacked by **Big Van Vader**; he will then sit up after Vader power-bombs him ... **The Kid** will become a regular on *Sesame Street* and get beaten up daily by **Grover** ... "**Diamond**" **Dallas Page** (managed by **Tonya Harding**) will win the King of the Ring; they will crown themselves the "King Of Diamonds" and the "Queen Of Clubs" ... **Mikey Whipwreck** will go undefeated this year, but not necessarily unbeaten ... Legends honored at this year's Slamboree will take turns slapping the crap out of **Tony Schiavone** during the event ... A feud will be born when **Lex Luger** blames the last six years of his career on the voodoo of **Papa Shango** ... *Mystery Science Theater 3000* will devote a weekend marathon to **Hulk Hogan** movies ... By mid-1995, every federation on the planet will have at least two **Undertakers** and six **Doinks** ... **The Sheik** and **Eddie Gilbert** will attribute their obsession with fire to *Beavis And Butt-Head*.

—Harry Simon, Las Vegas, NV

Randy Savage will try to wear his old wrestling tights and he will be mistaken for **Bastion Booger** ... Booger will open a fast-food chain, McBooger's, that specializes in leftovers ... **Vince McMahon** will have another neck operation to make the mega-

phone stuck in his throat even louder ... The guy in the red shirt who sits in the audience at WCW broadcasts to yell at the wrestlers (a.k.a. **The Blacktop Bully**) will finally get a job ... The WWF will combine women's wrestling with midget wrestling ... **Cactus Jack** will make a guest appearance on *Mr. Rogers* and beat Rogers with a hockey stick ... **Paul Bearer** will join **Mary Hart** as an emcee of the Miss America pageant.

—Bryan & Lauren Berson, West Islip, NY

Bob Backlund's strange behavior will be attributed to a long distance voodoo spell of **Papa Shango** ... A vicious sneak-attack by **King Kong Bundy** will temporarily put **Bret Hart** out of wrestling ... **Diesel** will turn against **Shawn Michaels**, leading to a major feud ... **Big John Studd**, **The Road Warriors**, and **Rick** and **Scott Steiner** will go to WCW ... **Lord Steven Regal** will raise his nose so high in the air that he will almost drown in a rainstorm ...

the third most influential wrestling promotion in the U.S. ... Unable to secure a title shot against **Hulk Hogan**, **Big Van Vader** will return to Japan.

—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Jake Roberts, **Barry Windham**, and **Stan Hansen** will enter the WCW ... By year's end, **Jerry Lawler** will claim to be the "real world champion" when he wins the USWA title for the 75th time ... After defeating **Bret Hart** at *WrestleMania XI*, **The Undertaker's** World title belt will be destroyed by **Shane Douglas** and **Paul E. Dangerously** during a postmatch interview ... Becoming a part of the WWF's "New Generation" will be **Junkyard Dog** and **Pedro Morales**.

—Phil Summerlin, Jackson, MS

Scientists will try to harness the centrifugal friction energy caused by **Vince McMahon Sr.** spinning in his grave ...

Yokozuna will wrestle **King Kong Bundy** and the ring will collapse ... **Col. Robert Parker** will leave wrestling and get a job with KFC ... **The Black Scorpion** will appear in WCW again and he will be unmasked and found to be **Ric Flair** ... **George "The Animal" Steele** will win an Oscar for his outstanding performance in *Ed Wood*.

—Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA

The Ultimate Warrior, **Sid Vicious**, and **The Gangstas** will enter the WWF ... **Vince McMahon** will join forces with **Jerry Lawler** (minus **Queasy**, **Sleazy**, and **Cheesy**) to humiliate **Nailz** in a non-televised grudge match at

King Kong Bundy will get stuck in a locker room and will require the jaws of life before they can be freed ... The WWF will finally introduce a wrestler who doesn't have a stupid name or a stupid costume and can really wrestle.

—Steven Blance, Flushing, NY

Ric Flair will become a successful manager, guiding **Steve Austin** to the WCW World title at Starrcade '95 ... ECW will promote a card on **Charles Manson's** birthday called *WrestleDeath '95*; **Cactus Jack** will beat **Sabu** in the main event: an electrified, barbed-wire, coal miner's glove-on-a-pole, ladder match with lumberjack rules for the federation's heavyweight title ... The NWA will either make a real comeback or finally give up ... **Shane Douglas** will retire after **Terry** and **Dory Funk Jr.**, **Ric Flair**, **Dusty Rhodes**, and all of the living ex-NWA World champions attack him for his negative comments about the NWA.

—Randy Kaylor, Dayton, TN

The Honky Tonk Man will sing backup on **Jeff Jarrett's** next CD ... **Alundra Blayze** will be ranked in the "PWI 500" after she defeats **The Kid** ... **The Kid**, **Jushin Liger**, **Sabu**, **2 Cold Scorpio**, and **Mil Mascaras** will wrestle the **Mighty Morphin Power Rangers** at Survivor Series.

—Brian Jordan, Edenton, NC

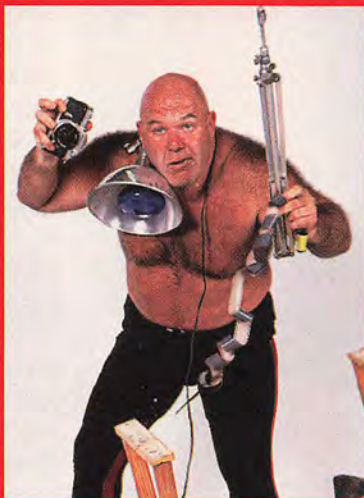
Lorena Bobbitt will manage **Abdullah the Butcher** ... **David Letterman** will do commentary with **Bobby Heenan** at a WCW pay-per-view event ... **Yokozuna** will get diaper rash and be out for six weeks ... **The Village People** will become the new poster people for the WWF's "New Generation" ... **Jeff Jarrett** will start singing polkas ... **Dave Sullivan** will appear in a "Hooked On Phonics" commercial.

—Meighan Nelson, Leechburg, PA

The Gangstas and **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** will feud for all of 1995 until they finally meet in a "losers-get-run-over-by-the-winners'-car" match ... **Big Van Vader** will finally put an end to **The Guardian Angel's** career by having him attacked by a troop of angry Girl Scouts ... **King Kong Bundy** and

Yokozuna will compete in a squash-the-midgets contest at *WrestleMania XI*. Both will see how many midgets they can squash with one splash. Bye-bye to **Wink**, **Dink**, **Pink**, **Sleazy**, **Queasy**, and **Cheesy**. And good riddance ... **Bob Backlund** will be hospitalized when his hands turn against him and he puts himself in a cross-face chicken wing ... ECW will challenge any promotion to take on its wrestlers in a federation vs. federation battle royal.

—Greg Necastro, Norcross, GA



SummerSlam. **Nailz** will lose and retire ... **Sherri Martel** will unsuccessfully challenge **Alundra Blayze** for the WWF World Women's title.

—Jim Bartlette, Billings, MT

Luna Vachon will star in a remake of *Beauty And The Beast*, playing both roles ... **Bret Hart** will run out of relatives ... An old-timers' battle royal will be stopped when all the participants need a nap ... **Mabel**, **Yokozuna**, and

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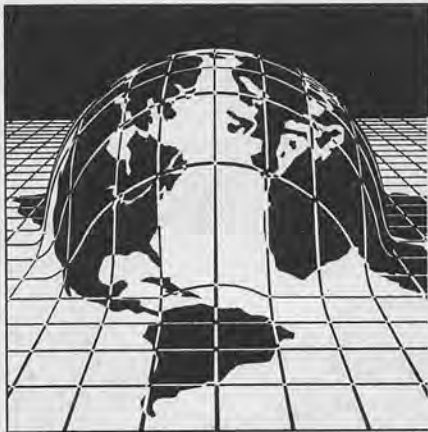
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UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

ANAHEIM—WCW at Convention Center Arena: TV champ **Johnny B. Badd** beat **Jean Paul LeVeque** ... **Dave Sullivan** and **Kevin Sullivan** wrestled to a double-countout ... **Honky Tonk Man** defeated **Brian Pillman** ... Tag team champs **Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot** beat **Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma** ... U.S. champ **Hacksaw Duggan** defeated **Steve Austin** ... **Sting** beat **Lord Steven Regal** ... **The Nasty Boys** & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Terry Funk, Bunkhouse Buck, & Arn Anderson** ... World champion **Hulk Hogan** defeated **Ric Flair** by disqualification. (10-16-94)

—Alex Martino

CUDAHY—AIWA at the Civic Center: **Pulverizer & "Desperado" Mark Kissell** defeated **"Dangerous" Frankie D & Black Spider** ... **"Bad Boy" Bubba Storm** beat **Spike Contillo** in a street fight ... Women's champion **Cheryl Rosa** beat **Barbara Blaze** ... **Kimera** defeated **Stefan de Leon** ... ICW heavyweight champ **"Mean" Marc Ash** and AIWA heavyweight champ **Alex Knight** wrestled to a draw in a best-of-three-falls match. (10-14-94)

—Mickey Spencer

OAKLAND—WCW at the Coliseum: TV champ **Johnny B. Badd** defeated **Jean Paul LeVeque** ... **Honky Tonk Man** beat **Brian Pillman** ... **Sting** beat **Lord Steven Regal** ... **Dustin Rhodes & The Nasty Boys** beat **Arn Anderson, Bunkhouse Buck, & Col. Rob Parker** ... **Kevin Sullivan** and **Dave Sullivan** wrestled to a double-countout ... U.S. champ **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Steve Austin** by disqualification ... Tag team champs **Marcus**

Bagwell & The Patriot defeated **Paul Roma & Paul Orndorff** ... World champ **Hulk Hogan** beat **Ric Flair**. (10-15-94)

—Lisa Reese

FLORIDA

ORMAND BEACH—ICWA at the Ironhorse Saloon: **Chris Nelson** beat **Flamboyant Phil** in a first-blood lumberjack strap match ... **Jeff Bradley & Jerry Flynn** beat **Osamu Nishimura & Koji Tiger Kanemoto** in a loser-leaves-town match ... **Jim Magnum & The Freight Train** defeated **Butch Long & Bill Payne** (managed by **The Road Boss Land Shark**) in a falls-count-anywhere match ... **Buddy Valentine** wrestled **Rick Thames** to a no-contest in a bullrope match ... **Billy Mac** beat **Sonny T** in a barbed-wire match. (10-22-94)

—Shannon Rose

ORMAND BEACH—ICWA at The Ironhorse Saloon: **Osamu Nishimura** defeated **Jeff Bradley** ... **Jerry "Lightning Foot" Flynn** wrestled to a draw with **Koji Tiger Kanemoto** (in his first U.S. match) ... **The Bounty Hunters** defeated **Big Jim Magnum & Flamboyant Phil** in a lumberjack strap match ... **"Outlaw" Billy Mac** beat **Buddy Valentine** in a Russian chain match ... **The Southern Posse** defeated **The Freight Train & "Classy" Chris Nelson** in a double-bull-rope match. (10-21-94)

—Shannon Rose

TAMPA—WCW at the Expo Center: **Frankie Lancaster** wrestled **Mark Starr** to a draw ... **Kevin Sullivan** and **Dave Sullivan** wrestled to a double-countout ... U.S. champion **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Steve Austin** ... TV champion **Johnny B. Badd** beat **The Honky Tonk Man** by disqualification ... **The Nasty Boys** beat tag team champions **Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma** in a non-title match ... **Big Van Vader** beat **The Guardian Angel** ... **Dusty & Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Terry Funk & Arn Anderson**. (10-28-94)

—Ron Lemieux

GEORGIA

CHATSWORTH—Tri-Star Wrestling at the Spring Palace: **El Lobo** defeated **John Humphries** ... **Larry Blade** wrestled **Dilly Montana** to a 10-minute time-limit draw...

Larry Santana beat **Knight Rider** ... **Frankie Lee** beat **Jimmy Sharpe** ... **Sam & Chuck Colt** defeated **"Gigolo" Joel Travis & Billy Montana**. (10-22-94)

—Bill Needham

GAINESVILLE—WCW TV taping at the Georgia Mountains Center: Tag team champs **Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot** defeated **Harlem Heat** ... U.S. champ **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **The Cuban Assassin** ... **Jean Paul LeVeque** defeated **Pez Whatley** ... U.S. champ **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Steve Austin** ... **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Jean Paul LeVeque** ... **The Nasty Boys** defeated **Arn Anderson & Bunkhouse Buck** by disqualification. (10-10-94)

—Neil Eyerly

ROSSVILLE—Tri-Star Wrestling at the TWA Arena: **Richie Dye & Sam Colt** wrestled **Rawhead Rex & El Lobo** to a 15-minute time-limit draw ... **"Bad Medicine" Roger Sartin & "Gigolo" Joel Travis** defeated **Frankie Lee & Chuck Colt** ... **Kenny Arden & Big Tiny** beat **Big Bubba & John Humphries** ... **Larry Santana** beat **The French Angel** by disqualification ... **Frankie Lee** won an eight-man elimination tag team match. (10-21-94)

—Bill Needham

ILLINOIS

CRYSTAL LAKE—Independent card at McHenry County College: **Brandon Bishop** defeated **Severence** ... **Windy City** lightweight champion **Christopher Daniels** defeated **Danny Dominion** by disqualification when **Kevin Quinn** interfered ... **Haystacks Ross** pinned **Ripper Manson** in five seconds ... Women's champion **Toni Alexis** pinned **Amazon** ... Tag team champions **The Wrecking Crew** fought to a double-disqualification with **Hellraiser & Kodiak** ... **R. Valentino** defeated heavyweight champion **Mike Samson** by disqualification. (10-15-94)

—Steve Cain

KENTUCKY

ASHLAND—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the National Guard Armory: **Lance Storm** beat **Bart Batten** ... **Tracey Smothers** beat **Brad Batten** ... Heavyweight champion **Tony**

Anthony beat Shinobi ... Bobby Blaze beat Chris Candido ... The Rock 'n' Roll Express defeated tag team champions The Gangstas by disqualification.
(10-29-94)

—Jack Unger

BARBOURVILLE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Knox Central High School: Scott Studd defeated Lo Brown ... Tracey Smothers wrestled Bryant Anderson to a draw ... Boo Bradley beat Lance Storm in a "whipping" match ... Bruiser Bedlam defeated heavyweight champ Tony Anthony by disqualification ... Tag team champions The Gangstas beat The Rock 'n' Roll Express in a no-disqualification match.
(10-15-94)

—Jack Homa

INEZ—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Sheldon Clark Football Field: Tracey Smothers defeated Bryant Anderson ... Lance Storm beat Boo Bradley ... Heavyweight champ Tony Anthony beat Bruiser Bedlam ... The Rock 'n' Roll Express beat tag team champions The Gangstas by disqualification ... Tracey Smothers won a battle royal.
(10-12-94)

—Homer Earleson

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—WWF at the Arena: The Bushwhackers beat Well Dunn ... Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly beat Kwang The Ninja ... Lex Luger and Tatanka wrestled to a double-countout ... World women's champ Alundra Blayze defeated Bull Nakano ... Fatu beat Shawn Michaels by disqualification ... Jeff Jarrett beat The Kid ... World champ Bret Hart defeated Jim Neidhart ... Undertaker beat Yokozuna in a casket match.
(10-13-94)

—Kelly Hanson

LANDOVER—WWF at USAir Arena: The Bushwhackers beat Well Dunn ... Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly beat Kwang The Ninja ... Jeff Jarrett beat The Kid ... World Women's champion Alundra Blayze beat Bull Nakano ... Diesel beat Fatu by disqualification ... Lex Luger fought to a double-countout with Tatanka ... World champion Bret Hart beat Jim Neidhart ... The Undertaker beat Yokozuna.
(10-15-94)

—Ray Ney

MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON—International Wrestling Federation at the High School: Mike Hollow beat Storm Trooper by disqualification ... Brittany Brown beat Crystal Gaze ... Bulldozer defeated Tim McNeany & Chris Duffy in a handicap match ... Little Louie defeated Little Doom ... The Eliminators beat Tony Roy & Tom O'Sullivan; Killer Kowalski was the guest referee ... Tito Santana beat Nikolai Volkoff (managed by The Bug).
(10-14-94)

—Don Laible

QUINCY—International Wrestling Federation at North Quincy High School: Tito Santana

defeated Storm Trooper; Killer Kowalski was the special guest referee ... Mike Hollow beat Mad Dog Richard by disqualification ... Women's champion Brittany Brown beat Crystal Blue by disqualification ... The Smooth Operator beat The Outpatient ... Bulldozer beat Tim McNeany ... Heavyweight champion Tony Roy beat Hammerhead ... The Mighty Doom beat The Masked Leopard in a midgets match.
(10-29-94)

—Don Laible

MICHIGAN

DEARBORN HEIGHTS—Midwest Territorial Wrestling at the Richard Young Recreation Center: J.T. Lightning (managed by "Handsome" Johnny Bradford) defeated Bobby Clancy ... Brett Powers beat Mad Man Pondo ... Denny Kass beat Steve Nixon ... Al Snow defeated Osamu Nishimura ... Johnny Paradise beat "Punisher" Rock Stevens (managed by "Handsome" Johnny Bradford) ... Tag team champs Chris Carter & Muhammad Saad defeated Otis Apollo & Scott D'Amore ... Bobo Brazil Jr. beat Machine Gun Kelly by disqualification.
(10-15-94)

—Gary Woronchak

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NASHUA—WWF at the Elm Street Junior High School: Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz beat P.J. Walker ... King Kong Bundy beat Doink the Clown ... Intercontinental champion Razor Ramon defeated Bob Backlund by countout ... The Smokin' Gunns beat The Heavenly Bodies ... Irwin R. Schyster defeated Mabel ... Davey Boy Smith defeated Owen Hart ... Adam Bomb beat Nikolai Volkoff.
(10-16-94)

—Tom Verdin

NEW JERSEY

EAST RUTHERFORD—WWF at the Byrnes Meadowlands Arena: Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz pinned Jim Powers ... Irwin R. Schyster pinned Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... Bam Bam Bigelow defeated Adam Bomb ... The Smokin' Gunns beat The Heavenly Bodies ... Jerry Lawler pinned Doink the Clown ... Lex Luger pinned Tatanka ... World champion Bret Hart pinned Jim Neidhart ... The Undertaker defeated Yokozuna in a casket match.
(10-27-94)

—Chris Wilcox & Jenn Pauls

VOORHEES—NWA at the High School: Devon Storm defeated Jungle Jim McPherson ... Ace Darling beat Johnny Polo ... Texas Terminator (managed by Tony Rumble) defeated Dan McDevitt & Gus The Greek in a handicap match ... Dick Murdoch defeated Doink the Clown.
(10-29-94)

—Will Stinson

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—World Wrestling Alliance at the High School: Jim McPherson defeated Executioner Pain ... Gus The Greek beat Justin St. John ... Bridget Nielson (managed by Eddie Reality) defeated Brandy Alexander ... Tag team

champions Duane & Wayne Gill beat The Super Jocks ... Sgt. Slaughter defeated heavyweight champion "Friendly" Frank Finnegan (managed by Tricky Nicky) by disqualification.
(10-15-94)

—Fred Wilson

WOODBURY—NWA at the Armory: Ace Darling wrestled Devon Storm to a time-limit draw ... Texas Terminator (managed by Tony Rumble) defeated Gino Caruso ... Jungle Jim McPherson beat Damien Stone ... Doink the Clown defeated Johnny Polo ... Kodiak Bear beat The Comet ... Johnny Gunn defeated Dick Murdoch.
(10-30-94)

—Ron Berger

NEW YORK

BROOKLYN—Universal Superstars of America at the St. Finbar Center: Kodiak Bear beat Johnny Handsome ... Gino Caruso beat Damien Stone ... Bodyguard For Hire defeated Chris Michaels ... Brutus Beefcake & Cousin Luke wrestled Tony Atlas & S.D. Jones to a double-countout ... Cactus Jack beat Rick Martel by disqualification.
(10-28-94)

—Neil Elliott

NEW YORK—WWF at Madison Square Garden: Adam Bomb beat Bam Bam Bigelow by disqualification ... Jim Powers beat Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz ... Jerry Lawler & Queasy beat Doink the Clown & Dink ... Irwin R. Schyster beat Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... World champion Bret Hart beat Jim Neidhart ... Billy Gunn beat Tom Richard ... Tatanka and Lex Luger wrestled to a double-countout ... The Undertaker beat Yokozuna in a casket match.
(10-29-94)

—Gene Parker

STATEN ISLAND—Universal Superstars of America at Susan Wagner High School: Chris Michaels defeated Gino Caruso by disqualification ... Cousin Luke beat Johnny Handsome ... Tony Atlas & S.D. Jones beat Damien Stone & Kodiak Bear ... Brutus Beefcake beat Rick Martel by disqualification ... Bodyguard For Hire beat Kodiak Bear.
(10-29-94)

—Matt Mirocke

UNIONDALE—WWF at Nassau Coliseum: Abe "Knuckleball" Schwartz beat Jim Powers ... Adam Bomb beat Bam Bam Bigelow ... Irwin R. Schyster beat Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... Lex Luger defeated Tatanka by disqualification ... Jerry Lawler beat Doink the Clown ... The Heavenly Bodies beat The Smokin' Gunns ... World champion Bret Hart defeated Jim Neidhart ... The Undertaker defeated Yokozuna in a casket match.
(10-28-94)

—Leo Samson

NORTH CAROLINA

BELMONT—Pro Wrestling Federation at the Armory: Russian Assassin II beat American Gladiator ... Terry Thomas beat Black

Scorpion ... Tag team champions **Star Ryder & Randy Sledge** beat **Scott Powers & K.C. Thunder ...** Heavyweight champion **Italian Stallion** beat **Terry Austin** in a lumberjack match.
(10-15-94)

—John Stacey

CHARLOTTE—Independent card at Tryon Mall: **Scotty McKeever** beat **Brian Williams ...** **Chief Jay Eagle** defeated **Mad Dog ...** **Ricky Nelson** beat **Russian Assassin I ...** **Wahoo McDaniel & George South** beat **Mad Max & Mexican Twin Devil**.
(10-27-94)

—Brock Chandler

GLEN ALPINE—New World Wrestling at the Am-Vet Center: **Tenacious Tony & The Unforgiven** beat **The Professor & Dangerous Donnie ...** **New Generation** beat tag team champions **The Crucifer & Too Funky** to win the belts ... **Jimmy Barker** beat **The Invader ...** **Gorgeous Jeff** and **Gentleman James** wrestled to a draw ... **Marc Ash** beat **The Grappler ...** **Sweet Daddy Brown** beat **Bill Snow ...** **Jimmy Barker** and **The Professor** wrestled to a draw ... **Dangerous Donnie** beat **Too Funky ...** **Dangerous Donnie, Gentleman James, & Magnificent Marshall** beat **The Palace of Pain ...** **Marc Ash** beat **The Crucifer** in a ladder match.
(10-16-94)

—Marcus Watkins

HICKORY—New World Wrestling at the National Guard Armory: **The Invader** beat

Bill Snow ... **Too Funky** beat **Tenacious Tony ...** **The Grappler** beat **Sweet Daddy Brown ...** **Agent Steel** beat **Triple X** to become the first-ever NWW lightweight champion ... **"Mean" Marc Ash** pinned **The Professor ...** **Gentleman James** beat **Man X ...** **Bam Bam Coalson** defeated **ICW TV** champion **The Iranian Butcher** (managed by **Dark Angel**) to win the belt.
(10-12-94)

—Mickey Spencer

KINGS MOUNTAIN—Southern Championship Wrestling at the National Guard Armory: **Kevin Kirby** defeated **Hunter Thompson ...** **Flaming Youth** beat **Scotty Hot Body ...** **George South** defeated **James Atkins ...** **Chief Jay Eagle** beat **Mad Dog** in an Indian strap match ... **American G.I., Dozer, & Brian Lee** beat **Texas Outlaws I & II & Scott Powers ...** **Scott Powers** won a battle royal.
(10-22-94)

—Dan Parris

NEW BERN—ICW at the National Guard Armory: *In the quarterfinals of a tournament for the vacant ICW heavyweight title:* **The Untouchable** pinned **Bret Maverick ...** **The Iranian Butcher** (managed by **Dark Angel**) beat **Johnny Dollars ...** **Lex Reed** beat **The Crypt Keeper ...** **Gentleman James** pinned **Agent Steel ...** *In non-tournament matches:* **"Mean" Marc Ash** beat **Johnny Reb ...** **Mandy Logan** defeated women's champion **Dark Angel** by disqualification when **Angel** hit guest referee **Dangerous Donnie ...** Tag team champions

The Real Deal beat **The Lightning Express ...** **Brad Windham** won a 15-man battle royal, last eliminating **The Rock Soldier**.
(10-13-94)

—Mickey Spencer

NORTH WILKESBORO—AIWF "Halloween Spooktacular '94" at the National Guard Armory: **Jammer** beat **Indian Outlaw** by disqualification ... **Robert Roma & Pete Powers** defeated **Major Havoc & Nightbreed** in a taped-fist match ... **Chris Windham** beat **Bad Brad** in an "I Quit" chain match ... **Sebastian Kane & Brian Danzig** beat **Dixie Dynamite ...** **"Dangerous" Don Carson** beat U.S. champion **The Intimidator** to win the title.
(10-29-94)

—Dean Puckett

WALLACE—ICW "Halloween Howling '94" at the National Guard Armory: **"Dynamic" David Daniels** beat **Agent Steel ...** **David Renegade** wrestled **J.B. Jammer** to a draw ... Tag team champions **The Real Deal** beat **Soul Man & David Daniels ...** *In the finals of a tournament for the vacant heavyweight title:* **Scotty McKeever** defeated **The Untouchable** to win the title ... **"Mean" Marc Ash** wrestled **"Iron" Mike Majors** to a double-countout.
(10-29-94)

—Mickey Spencer & Marcus Watkins

WINSTON-SALEM—AIWF at the National Guard Armory: **Jammer** beat **Bad Brad ...** **Robert Roma, Indian Outlaw, & Jamie Jannetty** beat **Major Havoc, Brian Danzig, & Pretty Boy Slater ...** Lightweight champion **Jumpin' Jimmy** beat **Daniel Lee ...** **The Intimidator** defeated **"Dangerous" Don Carson** to win the U.S. title ... Heavyweight champion **Boston Terrier** beat **Chuck The Kosher Killer** by disqualification ... **Black Knight & Ron Rossi** beat **Sabastian Kane & Rex Roadblock**.
(10-22-94)

—Dean Puckett

OHIO

PARMA—North Coast Wrestling Alliance at Normandy High School: **The Green Hornet** beat **The Stompin' Hillbilly ...** **Ron Cumberledge** pinned **The Count ...** **Jake Roberts** pinned **Helmut Hessler** after a DDT ... **Cousin Luke & T.C. Reynolds** defeated **Scott Summers & Damien Stone ...** **Preston Steele** pinned **Skull Von Crush ...** **Dolink The Clown** beat **Greg Valentine ...** **Ron Cumberledge** won a 10-man battle royal, last eliminating **Skull Von Crush** and **Helmut Hessler**.
(10-10-94)

—Jeff Gorman

PENNSYLVANIA

GLEN MILLS—Extreme Championship Wrestling at Pulsations: **J.T. Smith** pinned **Donn E. Allen ...** **Tommy Dreamer** defeated **Hack Myers ...** **Tasmaniac** beat **Steve Richards ...** **Public Enemy** defeated **The Pit Bulls** (with **Jason**) when **Johnny Grunge** pinned **Pit Bull II** after **Jason** accidentally hit him with a chain ... **Mikey Whipwreck** defeated **Tommy Cairo** by disqualification when **Cairo** hit the referee ... **911 & Sabu** (with **Paul E. Dangerously**) beat **Shane Douglas & Mr. Hughes**.
(10-22-94)

—Bart Orkline



"Gee, that's too bad ... his pro career only lasted one fall"

HARRISBURG—Extreme Championship Wrestling at the Harrisburg Military Post: 911 (managed by Paul E. Dangerously) defeated **Dino Sendoff** & **Steve Richards** in a handicap match ... **The Pit Bulls** beat **Bad Breed** ... TV champion **Jason** defeated **Hack Myers** ... **Sabu** (with Paul E. Dangerously & 911) defeated **J.T. Smith** ... **Ron Simmons** beat **Mr. Hughes** ... Heavyweight champion **Shane Douglas** defeated **Tasmaniac** ... Tag team champions **Cactus Jack** & **Mikey Whipwreck** beat **Public Enemy** in a falls-count-anywhere match. (10-15-94)

—Timothy A. Walker

TENNESSEE

FAIRVIEW—Cumberland Wrestling Council at the Young County Barn: **Rick Roberts** defeated **Soldier of Fortune** ... **Steve Stakk** defeated **The Crusher** by disqualification ... **Stonewall Jackson** beat **Kevin Acres** by countout when Acres took his injured valet, **Jennifer**, to the dressing room ... **Joe Carr** defeated **Momma's Boy** ... **Joe Carr** & **Chris Steelheart** beat **The Shogun Warriors** by disqualification ... Heavyweight champion **Denny Cooley** defeated **Killer Kyle** by disqualification. (10-17-94)

—Bill Needham

FALL BRANCH—Southern States Wrestling at the Sampson Center: **Bam Bam Christian** beat **The Tennessee Equalizer** ... Tag team champions **Steve Flynn** & **Bobby B** beat **The Billion-Dollar Babies** ... Heavyweight champion **Chic White** defeated **Danny Christian** ... **Beau James** beat **Alex Shane** in a loser-leaves-town match ... **Bam Bam Christian** won a battle royal. (10-15-94)

—Fav Ferauson

KNOXVILLE—Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Civic Coliseum: **Scott Studd** beat **Lo Brown** ... **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Bryant Anderson** ... **Boo Bradley** beat **Lance Storm** in a "whipping" match ... **Bruiser Bedlam** defeated heavyweight champ **Tony Anthony** by disqualification ... Tag team champs **The Gangstas** beat **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** in a no-disqualification match. (10-14-94)

—Jake Armando

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Sgt. Victor** defeated **Tony Williams** ... **Mo** defeated **Spellbinder** ... **The Moondogs** defeated tag team champions **The Phantoms** to win the title ... Southern champion **Tommy Rich** beat **Buddy Landell** ... **Miss Texas** beat **Scott Bowden** & **Fantasia** in a handicap match ... **Tommy Rich** & **Doug Gilbert** beat **Jerry Lawler** & **Brian Christopher** by disqualification ... Heavyweight champion **Sid Vicious** beat **Mabel** after **Spellbinder** interfered. After the match, **Mo** came to the ring to help **Mabel**. (10-24-94)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Spellbinder** beat **Jeff Gaylord** ... **The Moondogs** defeated **Spellbinder** & **Reggie B. Fine** ... **Scott Bowden** beat

Randy Hales in a lumberjack match ... **Miss Texas** beat **Fantasia**. After the match, **The Phantoms** attacked **Miss Texas** ... Tag team champions **PG-13** beat **The Phantoms** ... Southern champion **Tommy Rich** and **Buddy Landell** wrestled to a double-countout ... **The Undertaker** defeated heavyweight champion **Sid Vicious** by disqualification when **Spellbinder** interfered. (10-17-94)

—Mark Mitchell

TEXAS

HOUSTON—American Wrestling Federation at the Gulf Freeway Indoor Arena: **Chaz** defeated **G.Q. Knight** ... Light heavyweight champion **Rick Garron** defeated **Bruiser Bennett** ... Tag team champions **The Hell Hounds** defeated **Skippy** & **Jiffy** ... **Rico Suave** beat **Al Jones** ... **Diamond Donna** defeated **Misty Michaels** ... Heavyweight champion **Tugboat Taylor** defeated **Sheik Adu-Dhabi**. (10-28-94)

—Jerry W. Wilde

VERMONT

BURLINGTON—WWF Monday Night Raw broadcast and taping at the Municipal Auditorium: **Diesel** beat **Headshrinker Sionne** ... Intercontinental champion **Razor Ramon** beat **Phil Apollo** ... **Tatanka** beat **Scott Taylor** ... **The Kid** defeated **Tony DiVito** ... **King Kong Bundy** beat **Bert Santino** ... **Jim Neidhart** pinned **Tony Roy** ... **Diesel** pinned **Ben Jordan** ... **P.J. Walker** pinned **Gary Scott** ... **Jeff Jarrett** pinned **Doink the Clown** after **Jerry Lawler** interfered ... **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Raymond Roy** ... **Bob "Spark Plugg"** **Holly** defeated **Reno Riggins** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Tim McNeany** ... **The Heavenly Bodies** (managed by **Jim Cornette**) beat **Barry Horowitz** & **Nick Barbary** ... **Lex Luger** beat **Bob Backlund** by disqualification ... World champion **Bret Hart** beat **Jim Neidhart** ... **Lex Luger** beat **Tatanka**. (10-17-94)

—Dan Reilly

VIRGINIA

WAYNESBORO—Mid-Atlantic Wrestling at the East Side Speedway: **Road Warrior Hawk** & **Doug Gibson** won the tag team championship from **Brian Logan** & **Roger Anderson** ... **Stacy Griffin** beat **Preston Michaels** ... **Scotty McKeever** beat **Ninja Warrior** ... **Bill Maddox** beat **R.C. Luvin** to win the National heavyweight title. (10-13-94)

—Stu Buswell

INTERNATIONAL

CANADA

CALGARY, ALBERTA—Canadian Rocky Mountain Wrestling at the Victoria Community Center: **Johnny Lee Coltrane** beat **Steve Gillespie** ... **Katana** & **J.J. Taylor** beat **Chris Kramer** & **Will Jackson** ... **Brad Young** beat **Steve Rivers** ... **Sonny Corleone** beat **Fernando Valentino** ... **Jerry Morrow** beat **Steve Wild** ... North American heavyweight champion **Rick Titan** beat **Black Bart** in a coal miner's glove match. (10-28-94)

—Verne May

JOLIETTE, QUEBEC—Northern Championship Wrestling at Joliette College: **The Headhunters** defeated **Darkman** in a handicap match ... **Syl Dancer** beat **Warlock** by countout ... **Black Bear** beat **Dream Killer** by disqualification when **Crazy Eddie** interfered ... **Lucifer** beat **The Rebel** ... **Frank Blues** & **Iceman** beat **The Crazy Dragons**. (10-29-94)

—Bertrand Hebert

MONTREAL, QUEBEC—WWF at the Forum: **Adam Bomb** beat **Kwang The Ninja** ... **The Bushwhackers** defeated **Well Dunn** ... Intercontinental champion **Razor Ramon** beat **Jeff Jarrett** ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Bob "Spark Plugg"** **Holly** ... World champion **Bret Hart** defeated **Jim Neidhart** ... **The Undertaker** defeated **Yokozuna** in a casket match ... **Diesel** defeated **Headshrinker Sionne** ... **Jacques Rougeau** beat **Pierre**. (10-21-94)

—Bertrand Hebert

TORONTO, ONTARIO—WWF at Maple Leaf Gardens: **The Bushwhackers** defeated **Well Dunn** ... World Women's champ **Alundra Blayze** beat **Bull Nakano** ... **Lex Luger** wrestled **Tatanka** to a double-countout ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Bob "Spark Plugg"** **Holly** ... **Diesel** beat **Headshrinker Sionne** ... **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Jim Neidhart** ... World champion **Bret Hart** defeated **Bob Backlund** ... **The Undertaker** defeated **Yokozuna** in a casket match. (10-23-94)

—Steve Argintaru

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA—International Stars of Wrestling at the Squimout Legion: **Michelle Starr** pinned **Doink the Clown** ... **The Bodyguard** beat **Johnny Canuck** by disqualification ... **The Trash Man** & **Firefighter Adrian** beat **"Diamond"** **Timothy Flowers** & **Riptide Rockford** ... **Rocky Dellaserra** beat **Greg Valentine** ... **Queen Kong** pinned **Gruesome Annie** ... **Firefighter Adrian**, **Cheechuck**, & **Buddy Wayne** defeated **Ole Olsen**, **The Atomic Punk**, & **Dillon Powers** when **Wayne** pinned **Powers** after a moonsault. (10-20-94)

—Stuart Kemp

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA—River City Wrestling at the Chalmers Community Club: **Caveman Firpo** beat **Caveman Broda** ... TV champion **Sluggo Smith** beat **The Executioner** in a bullrope match ... **Vance Nevada** & **Robbie Royce** defeated **Dr. Doom** & **Crybaby Levinsky** ... **Max Impact** beat heavyweight champion **Tom Steele** to win the title ... **Mike Stone** & **Dave Petro** beat tag team champions **Leather 'n' Lace** by countout ... **Dark Jason** won a 20-man bunkhouse battle royal. (10-27-94)

—Verne May

JAPAN

FUKUOKA—New Japan at the Dome: **Satoshi Kojima** beat **Tokimitsu Ishizawa** ... **Tadao Yasuda** & **Yuji Nagata** defeated **Black Cat** & **El Samurai** ... **Norio Honaga** & **Hiro Saito** beat **Tatsuhito Takaiwa** & **Shinjiro Otani** ... **Mike Enos** & **Lord Steven Regal**

defeated Akira Nogami & Takayuki Iizuka ... Shinya Hashimoto & Manabu Nakanishi beat Nailz & Ron Simmons ... Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta beat Scott Norton & Osamu Kido ... Hawk & Power Warrior beat Riki Choshu & Yoshiaki Yatsu.
(10-20-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

OSAKA—New Japan at the Sports Center: Tadao Yasuda beat Tatsuhiro Takaiwa ... Osamu Kido beat Black Cat ... The Great Muta beat Yuji Nagata ... Shinya Hashimoto & Takayuki Iizuka defeated Satoshi Kojima & Riki Choshu ... Hiroshi Hase & Manabu Nakanishi beat Tatsumi Fujinami & Akira Nogami ... Tokimitsu Ishizawa, Dean Malenko, 2 Cold Scorpio, & El Samurai beat Taka Michinoku, Super Delfin, Wild Pegasus, & Shinjiro Otani ... Gran Hamada & Norio Honaga beat Great Sasuke & Black Tiger.
(10-17-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

TOKYO—New Japan at Sumo Hall: Tadao Yasuda beat Tatsuhiro Takaiwa ... Lord Steven Regal defeated Osamu Kido ... Yuji Nagata & Tatsumi Fujinami beat Yoshiaki Fujiwara & Yuki Ishikawa ... Shinya Hashimoto & Manabu Nakanishi beat Akira Nogami & Takayuki Iizuka ... Super Strong Machine & Masa Chono beat Hawk & Power Warrior ... IGWP junior heavyweight champion Norio Honaga defeated Shinjiro Otani ... Rick & Scott Steiner beat Scott Norton & Ron Simmons ... Hiroshi Hase & The Great Muta beat Super Strong Machine & Masa Chono.
(10-30-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

TOKYO—All-Japan at the Budokan Hall: Ryukaku Izumida beat Masao Inoue ... Satoru Asako & Kentaro Shiga beat Chris Candido & The Falcon ... Mighty Inoue, Haruka Eigen, & Masa Fuchi beat Rusher Kimura, Mitso Monota, & Yoshinari Ogawa ... Johnny Ace, Dan Spivey, & Doug Furnas beat Jun Akiyama, Takao Omori, & Tamon Honda ... Junior heavyweight champion Dan Kroffat beat Tsuyoshi Kikuchi ... Giant Baba, Jumbo Tsuruta, & Dory Funk Jr. defeated The Eagle, Johnny Smith, & Tom Zenk ... Mitsuharu Misawa & Stan Hansen beat Kenta Kobashi & Akira Taue ... Toshiaki Kawada defeated Steve Williams to become the new Triple Crown champion.
(10-22-94)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY JANUARY

ILLINOIS

ROCKFORD—Billy Goetz pinned Zack Malkov ... Carl Engstrom defeated Art Bull ... Bob Konovsky beat Jack Wilson ... Bobby Managoff downed Kurt Steinke ... Don & Jackie Fargo battled Stan & Reggie Lisowski to a no-contest.
(01-31-59)

—PWI archives

NEW JERSEY

EAST RUTHERFORD—WWF at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena: Lanny Poffo beat Terry Gibbs ... Cpl. Kirschner defeated Nikolai Volkoff ... Adrian Adonis defeated Junkyard Dog ... Tito Santana beat Terry

Funk ... The Killer Bees defeated Bret Hart & Jim Neidhart ... Roddy Piper & Bob Orton downed Bruno Sammartino & Paul Orndorff ... John Studd defeated Hillbilly Jim ... Barry O defeated Jose Luis Rivera.
(01-12-86)

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PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Wrestling at the International Arena: Prof. Toru Tanaka defeated Thomas Marin by disqualification when Victor Rivera and Gorilla Monsoon interfered in 4:21 ... Victor Rivera defeated Mike Conrad in 3:47 by submission to an abdominal stretch ... Chief Jay Strongbow defeated Vincente Pometti in 4:32 ... The Russians, managed by Nikita Mulkovich, defeated Nino Montana & Frank Rodriguez when Igor pinned Montana at the 9:32 mark after an atomic drop ... Karl Gotch defeated The Black Demon in 4:52.
(01-07-72)

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1994 PAY-PER-VIEW CARDS

[Editor's note: As of press time for these pages, results for WWF's Survivor Series (November 23) and WCW's Starrcade (December 27) were not available.]

AAA/WCW WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE (Los Angeles, Sports Arena): Mascara Sagrada & Octagoncito beat Espectrito & Jerrito Estrada in 8:30 ... Fuerza Guerrero, Psicosis, & Louie Spicolli beat Rey Misterio Jr., Heavy Metal, & Latin Lover in 12:46 when Guerrero forced Heavy Metal to submit ... Tito Santana, 2 Cold Scorpio, & Pegasus Kid beat Blue Panther, La Parka, & Jerry Estrada in 14:58 when Pegasus Kid pinned Panther ... El Hijo del Santo & Octagon beat Love Machine & Eddy Guerrero in 22:29 in a tag team elimination match ... Perro Aguayo beat Konnan in 17:50 in a steel cage match.
(November 6)

WCW BASH AT THE BEACH (Orlando, Florida, Orlando Arena): Brad & Brian Armstrong beat Bobby Eaton & Steve Keirn in a non-televized match ... Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma defeated World tag team champions Kevin Sullivan & Cactus Jack to win the belts when Orndorff pinned Cactus as Roma held Cactus' leg during the count ... Big Van Vader beat The Guardian Angel by disqualification when the referee caught Angel with a nightstick he had taken away from Vader ... Terry Funk & Bunkhouse Buck defeated Dustin Rhodes & Arn Anderson when Funk pinned Rhodes after Anderson attacked Dustin and DDT'd him ... TV champion Lord Steven Regal beat Johnny B. Badd (substituting for Sting) ... U.S. champion Steve Austin defeated Rick Steamboat ... Hulk Hogan pinned World champion Ric Flair to win the title.
(July 17)

WCW FALL BRAWL (Roanoke, Virginia, Civic Center): In a non-televized match,



Brian & Brad Armstrong defeated **Bobby Eaton & Steve Keirn** when Brian pinned Eaton ... **Johnny B. Badd** beat TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** to win the title at 11:09 after a backslide and pin ... **Kevin Sullivan** defeated **Cactus Jack** in 6:12 in a loser-leaves-WCW match. Cactus tried to hit Sullivan's brother, **Evad**, who was on the ring apron, but the attempt backfired ... **Steve Austin** was awarded the U.S. title by forfeit when champion **Rick Steamboat** showed up in street clothes and revealed he could not compete due to a back injury. Commissioner **Nick Bockwinkel** forced Austin to defend the title against **Hacksaw Duggan**, who pinned Austin in 27 seconds to win the belt ... World tag team champions **Paul Roma & Paul Orndorff** beat **The Patriot & Marcus Alexander Bagwell** when Roma pinned Bagwell at 12:54 ... In the "triangle" match to determine a challenger for **Hulk Hogan's** World title, **Big Van Vader** beat **The Guardian Angel** in 7:04; Vader then beat **Sting** in a "sudden death" round after no winner had been declared when the 15-minute time limit and a five-minute overtime round had taken place ... In the "War Games" bout, the team of **Dusty Rhodes, Dustin Rhodes, & The Nasty Boys** beat **Col. Robert Parker, Terry Funk, Bunkhouse Buck, & Arn Anderson** when Dusty forced Parker to submit to a figure-four leglock. (September 18)

WCW HALLOWEEN HAVOC (Detroit, Michigan, Joe Louis Arena): **Booker T** beat **Brian Armstrong** in a match not shown on the pay-per-view telecast ... TV champion **Johnny B. Badd** fought to a 10-minute time-limit draw with **The Honky Tonk Man** ... **Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma** beat World tag team champions **Marcus Alexander Bagwell & The Patriot** to win the title when Orndorff pinned Bagwell at 13:49 after Roma landed a flying elbowsmash to the midsection of Bagwell ... **Dave Sullivan** beat **Kevin Sullivan** by countout in 5:21 ... **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Arn Anderson** (with **Col. Robert Parker & Meng**) in 9:49 ... U.S. champion **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Steve Austin** by disqualification in 8:07 when Austin tossed Duggan over the top rope ... **Big Van Vader** (managed by **Harley Race**) pinned **The Guardian Angel** in 8:16 ... **The Nasty Boys** beat **Terry Funk & Bunkhouse Buck** in 8:01 when **Jerry Sags** piledrived Funk on a huge pumpkin and then pinned him ... World champion **Hulk Hogan** pinned **Ric Flair** (managed by **Sherri Martel**) in 19:25 in a steel cage match (Mr. T was the special guest referee). Due to a prematch stipulation, Flair must now retire. (October 23)

WCW SLAMBOREE (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Civic Center): **Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma** defeated **Brad & Brian Armstrong** in a match not shown on the pay-per-view telecast ... U.S. champion **Steve Austin** defeated **Johnny B. Badd** ... **Terry Funk** and **Tully Blanchard** wrestled to a double-disqualification ... **Larry Zbyszko** pinned TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** in a non-title match ... **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Bunkhouse Buck** in a bullrope match ... World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Barry Windham** ... **Cactus Jack** &

Kevin Sullivan beat World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** to capture the title when Jack pinned **Jerry Sags**; retired Philadelphia Flyers hockey player **Dave Schultz** was the guest referee ... **Sting** pinned **Big Van Vader**. (May 22)

WCW SPRING STAMPEDE (Chicago, Illinois, Rosemont Horizon): **Danny Bonaduce** beat **Christopher Knight** in a non-televvised match ... **Kevin & Evad Sullivan** defeated **Pat Tanaka & Paul Diamond** in a non-televvised match ... U.S. champion **Steve Austin** beat **The Great Muta** by disqualification when Muta accidentally threw Austin over the top rope ... **Sting** defeated **Rick Rude** when **Harley Race** accidentally smashed Rude with a chair, enabling Sting to pin him ... **Bunkhouse Buck** beat **Dustin Rhodes** in a bunkhouse match ... Television champion **Lord Steven Regal** battled **Brian Pillman** to a 15-minute draw ... **Big Van Vader** pinned **The Boss** after a moonsault ... World champion **Ric Flair** was awarded a decision over **Rick Steamboat**. Both wrestlers' shoulders were pinned after Steamboat used a double-chicken wing and backslide. WCW Commissioner **Nick Bockwinkel** ruled that Flair would retain the title ... **Johnny B. Badd** pinned **"Diamond" Dallas Page** ... World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** beat **Cactus Jack & Maxx Payne** in a "Chicago street fight." (April 17)

WCW SUPERBRAWL IV (Albany, Georgia, Civic Center): **Harlem Heat** defeated **Thunder & Lightning** when Kane pinned Thunder ... **"Jungle" Jim Steele** beat **The Equalizer** with a "Thesz press" and pin ... **Terry Taylor** beat **"Diamond" Dallas Page** ... **Johnny B. Badd** defeated **Jim Garvin** ... Television champion **Lord Steven Regal** beat **Arn Anderson** after interference by **Sir William Dundee** ... **Cactus Jack & Maxx Payne** beat World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** by disqualification when **Brian Knobs** smashed a guitar on Jack's head ... In a "Thundercage" match, **Sting, Brian Pillman, & Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Paul Orndorff, Steve Austin, & Rick Rude** when Sting lifted Pillman into the air and tossed him onto Austin for the pin ... In another "Thundercage" match, World champion **Ric Flair** beat **Big Van Vader**. (February 20)

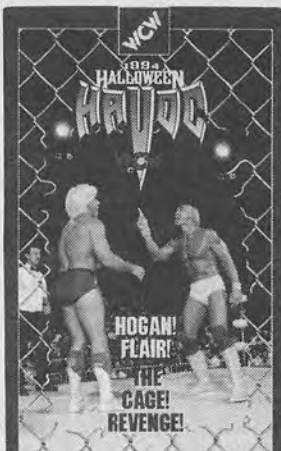
WWF KING OF THE RING (Baltimore, Maryland, Baltimore Arena): **"King Of The Ring" quarterfinals:** **Razor Ramon** pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** at 8:11 ... **Irwin R. Schyster** pinned **Mabel** at 5:36 ... **Owen Hart** pinned **Tatanka** at 8:19 after a failed sunset flip by Tatanka ... **The Kid** pinned **Jeff Jarrett** at 4:38 ... **"King Of The Ring" semifinals:** **Ramon** pinned **Schyster** at 5:03 following a "Razor's Edge" ... **Owen** beat **The Kid** by submission at 3:38 ... **"King Of The Ring" final:** **Owen** pinned **Ramon** at 6:30 with help from **Jim Neidhart** ... In non-tournament bouts: In a match not aired on the pay-per-view broadcast, **Sparky Plugg** pinned **Kwang** ... **Roddy Piper** pinned **Jerry Lawler** at 12:19 ... Intercontinental champion **Diesel** defeated World champion **Bret Hart** by disqualification at 22:52 after **Jim Neidhart** inter-

fered on behalf of Hart ... World tag team champions **The Headshrinkers** defeated **Yokozuna & Crush** when **Fatu** pinned **Crush** at 9:34. (June 19)

WWF ROYAL RUMBLE (Providence, Rhode Island, Civic Center): In a match not broadcast on the pay-per-view, **"Brooklyn Brawler" Steve Lombardi** beat **Jim Powers** ... **Tatanka** pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** (assisted by **Luna Vachon**) after a flying bodypress ... World tag team champions **The Quebecers** defeated **Bret & Owen Hart** when referee **Tim White** stopped the match due to Bret's injured left leg ... Intercontinental champion **Razor Ramon** beat **Irwin R. Schyster**. Referee **Joey Marella** initially ruled Schyster was the winner after he and both wrestlers had been knocked out, but was corrected by referee **Dave Hebner**; Ramon went on to pin Schyster ... In a casket match, World champion **Yokozuna** (assisted by **Jim Cornette** and **Mr. Fuji**) defeated **The Undertaker** (managed by **Paul Bearer**) ... **Bret Hart** and **Lex Luger** were declared co-winners of the 29-man Royal Rumble after both went over the ropes simultaneously. The last wrestler eliminated was **Fatu**, who was ousted by Hart. Luger was the 23rd wrestler in, Hart the 27th. (January 22)

WWF SUMMERSLAM (Chicago, Illinois, United Center): **Adam Bomb** defeated **Kwang** in a match not shown on the pay-per-view telecast ... **Bam Bam Bigelow & Irwin R. Schyster** defeated **The Headshrinkers** by disqualification in 6:45 ... World women's champion **Alundra Blayze** pinned **Bull Nakano** in 8:18 ... **Razor Ramon** pinned Intercontinental champion **Diesel** to win the title in 15:02 ... **Tatanka** pinned **Lex Luger** in 6:03 ... **Jeff Jarrett** pinned **Mabel** in 5:55 ... World champion **Bret Hart** defeated **Owen Hart** in a steel cage match in 33:21 ... **The Undertaker** (managed by **Paul Bearer**) pinned **Evil Undertaker** (managed by **Ted DiBiase**) in 9:12. (August 29)

WWF WRESTLEMANIA X (New York, New York, Madison Square Garden): In a non-televvised match, **The Heavenly Bodies** defeated **The Bushwhackers** ... **Owen Hart** pinned **Bret Hart** at 20:21 ... **Bam Bam Bigelow & Luna Vachon** beat **Doink The Clown & Dink** when Bigelow pinned Doink at 6:09 ... In a falls-count-anywhere match, **Randy Savage** defeated **Crush**, two falls to one, at 9:42 when Savage tied up Crush in a room under the Garden tunnel and Crush couldn't return to the ring in 60 seconds ... World women's champion **Alundra Blayze** pinned **Leilani Kai** at 3:24 ... **Men On A Mission** defeated World tag team champions **The Quebecers** by countout at 7:43 ... World champion **Yokozuna** defeated **Lex Luger** by disqualification at 14:40 when Luger hit guest referee **Curt Hennig** ... **Earthquake** pinned **Adam Bomb** in 32 seconds ... In a ladder match, Intercontinental champion **Razor Ramon** beat **Shawn Michaels** at 18:45 ... **Bret Hart** pinned World champion **Yokozuna** at 10:31 to win the title; **Roddy Piper** was the guest referee. (March 20)



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Enough Hulk Hogan already! Reader Ted Lehr is sick of seeing the "Hulkster" on television shows and in wrestling rings. He suggests Hogan leave wrestling for good.

HULKED OUT

Why won't Hulk Hogan just leave us alone? Every time I turn on the television to watch WCW wrestling, all I see is Hulk's big, orange, bald head spewing out the same lines he has been using for the last however-many years. Enough already!

What about this *Thunder In Paradise* TV show? It almost has me pining for the days of "Hulk Hogan's Rock 'n' Wrestling" cartoon. Almost.

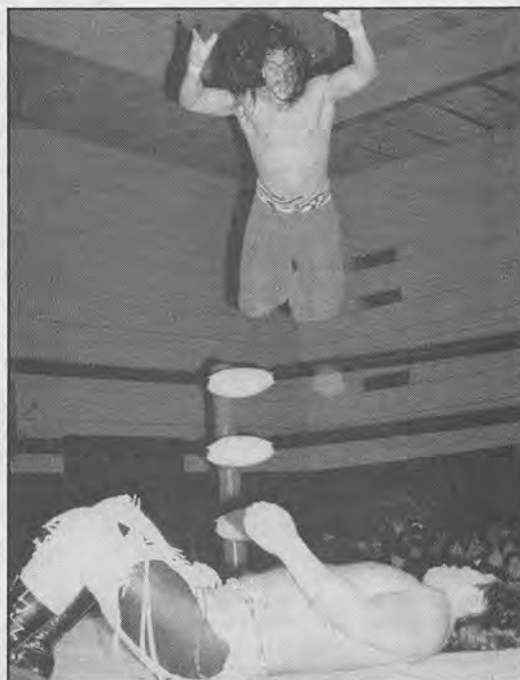
Yes, Hulk, would you please take a lesson from your old buddy The Ultimate Warrior and disappear completely from wrestling before you drive an innocent wrestling fan insane?!

TED LEHR

Akron, OH

Wrestling Conference card. Bradley, an underrated wrestler in his own right, put up a decent fight, but he was no

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SABU BOOSTER

Sabu recently came to the Las Vegas area, and I decided to see what all the fuss was about. He faced Bobby Bradley on the inaugural National

Sabu doesn't live up to all the hype surrounding him ... he *surpasses* it. That's what reader Harry Simon thought after seeing him live for the first time. He says every fan should see at least one Sabu match in person.

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The Gangstas have infuriated reader Steven nardi with their racial slurs. He doesn't think they should be free to express such hatred.

match for Sabu. Sabu used chairs and a press table, and brawled throughout the crowd. He must have used about 100 different moonsaults before he finally put Bradley away. During the opening minutes of the bout, the crowd was chanting Sabu's name, and his victory earned him the loudest ovation of the night.

My opinion of Sabu? He's not as good as all the hype. He's *better*. I realize I'm not the first to jump on the Sabu bandwagon, but, hey, we've all got to start somewhere. If you haven't seen Sabu in person, remedy that! The raves don't do him justice. You're not a wrestling fan until you've seen "The Human Sacrifice" live up to his name!

HARRY SIMON
Las Vegas, NV

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When I found out about the raw hatred and racial slurs The Gangstas aimed directly at white people, I instantly became livid. Intense rage and a few thoughts of anger entered my mind. I don't want to discuss those in a well-respected family publication.

The Gangstas may be free to express racial hatred toward white people who have done nothing to them, but not everyone wants to hear it. Several TV stations that carried Smoky Mountain Wrestling pulled the plug on the program after hearing The Gangstas' controversial statements.

If a white wrestler made these kinds of racial statements, would such mean-spirited words be tolerated by fans, promoters, and even this magazine? I think not.

Sadly, the wrestling world is another place where minorities full of hate like The Gangstas are being granted some freedom to express their racism, while some decent fans of all races feel like they can't cheer or boo their favorite wrestlers for fear of not being politically correct.

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Irwin R. Schyster is getting himself involved in a very strange feud. He has been hanging around a lot of graveyards lately, in hopes of drawing the ire of The Undertaker.

Aldo Montoya. Montoya, "The Portuguese Man Of War," is a high-flying newcomer to the WWF, and he and Kid already have a victory over the established Bodies. Ted DiBiase must have been impressed. He offered Montoya a position in his **Corporation** and Montoya showed a lot of class by turning down DiBiase and his checkbook.

Civilized **Headshrinkers**? Doesn't sound right, but **Capt. Lou Albano** says his plan is to revamp **Fatu, Samu, and Sionne**. He thinks it's only a matter of time before two of the three regain the WWF tag belts.

Chris Candido is back from Japan and wrestling in Smoky Mountain again. He and **Tammy Fytch** are doing their best to make sure **Boo Bradley** doesn't leave their camp and join **Cactus Jack**. They're even threatening to harm **Boots**, Bradley's cat and best friend.

Candido was crowned the new NWA champion after he defeated

Tracey Smothers in the final round of a 10-man tournament in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Candido made it to the finals by pinning **Al Snow** in the opening round and **Tony Anthony** in the semifinals.

During the final match, Smothers hit Candido with a flying elbowsmash and had him covered for the win, but Fytch distracted both Smothers and the referee.

Candido tried to hit Smothers with a chain, but missed in his first attempt and lost hold of the chain. Fytch again climbed onto the ring apron and tried to squirt hair spray at Smothers. Smothers blocked that move, grabbed the

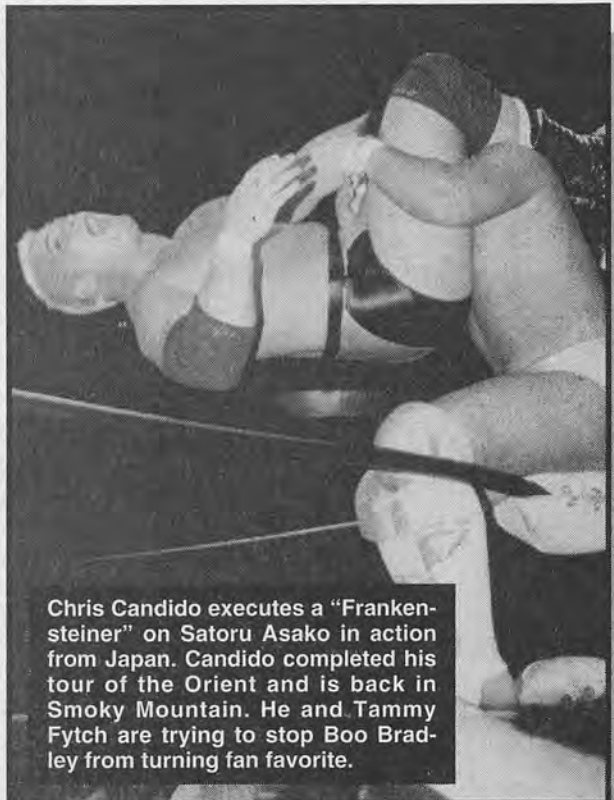
can, and threw it aside.

During the confusion, Candido retrieved the chain. Smothers tried to suplex him, but Candido punched him in mid-flight; Candido covered him for the three-count to capture the title.

"I always knew that I was a champion," Candido said. "It was just a matter of time before everyone else realized it. I'm the greatest NWA champ ever!"

The controversial final match was preceded by a spectacular semifinal bout between Smothers and **Eddie Gilbert**. The two men started their brawl in the ring, but quickly moved through the crowd. At one point, Gilbert grabbed a fire extinguisher and sprayed Smothers. The match then went all over the building, where the two men smashed each other with a sign and chairs.

Once back inside, Gilbert pulled out a chain and hit



Chris Candido executes a "Frankensteiner" on Satoru Asako in action from Japan. Candido completed his tour of the Orient and is back in Smoky Mountain. He and Tammy Fytch are trying to stop Boo Bradley from turning fan favorite.

Johnny Grunge and Rocco Rock became two-time ECW tag champs when they beat the unlikely duo of Cactus Jack and Mikey Whipwreck at a recent card in Philadelphia.

Smothers twice. After Smothers suplexed Gilbert, both of their shoulders were pinned. The referee made the three-count, but an alternate official ruled that Smothers lifted his shoulder before the count of three.

Did you ever think you'd see **Jim Cornette** manage **The Rock 'n' Roll Express**? It looks like it might happen. Cornette wanted to manage **The Gangstas**, the SMW tag champs, but they refused his offer. He then offered to help the Rock 'n' Rolls regain the title and they reluctantly agreed.

If you think WCW is looking like

the WWF of old, then take a look at ECW. It's becoming the WCW of old. **Cactus Jack**, **Ron Simmons**, **2 Cold Scorpio**, and **Shane Douglas** are all major players in that promotion. Now **Steve Austin** is coming in to team with Douglas against Simmons and Scorpio.

Public Enemy—Rocco Rock and **Johnny Grunge**—are ECW tag champs again. They beat Cactus Jack and **Mikey Whipwreck**. Maybe now that he is no longer a title holder, Mikey can finally relax a little.

That's all for now. See you at ringside! □



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and Mike Graham (Rookie) ... Eleven of the winners or runners-up are no longer with us: Andre the Giant, Kerry, Mike, and David Von Erich, Bruiser, Gene Anderson, Jay Youngblood, Buzz Sawyer, Rick McGraw, Dino Bravo, The Grand Wizard, and George "Crybaby" Cannon ... Nine wrestlers have placed in both the Most Popular and Most Hated categories: Randy Savage, Sgt. Slaughter, The Undertaker, Lex Luger, Ric Flair, Andre the Giant, Roddy Piper, Hulk Hogan, and Bob Backlund ... Jimmy Hart was able to negotiate a bonus clause for Hulk Hogan with WCW that would pay him more money for winning the Wrestler of the Year award. (If that helped inspire Hogan to win the World title, I'm sure WCW was happy to shell out the bucks.) ... Alundra (Madusa) Blayze (Match of the Year, Rookie) and Bull Nakano (Match) are the only women to find spots in the voting ... Hulk Hogan, widely recognized as the man most responsible for wrestling's huge growth in the '80s, won Wrestler of the Year honors only once in that decade. On the other hand, Ric Flair won it four times and Bob Backlund won it twice ... Is



This is the 23rd time this publishing company has handed out year-end awards. Amazingly, two of the award winners from 1972 are still active: The Sheik and Mike Graham (shown against Juan Caruso in 1972).

tag team wrestling on the decline? Aside from this year's winners, The Nasty Boys, only one winning team since 1986—The Rock 'n' Roll Express—is still together and competing regularly in the U.S. ... Seven men have won or finished as runners-up in the decades of the '70s, '80s, and '90s: Bob Backlund,

Larry Zbyszko, Rick Steamboat, Ric Flair, Ole Anderson, Harley Race, and Bobby Heenan. Only Backlund, Zbyszko, Steamboat, and Flair received the honors strictly as active competitors.

One last note: If any of you have voted in all 23 polls, please drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you! □

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With 23 years worth of results to work with, I thought it would be interesting to figure out just who is the all-time leading vote-getter in all categories combined. Giving 10 points for a first-place finish, seven for a second-place finish, five for a third-place finish, and three for a fourth-place finish, the results are as follows:

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HULK HOGAN	13	14	7	4	275
BOB BACKLUND	8	8	4	7	177
DUSTY RHODES	7	7	2	5	144
STING	7	4	4	2	124
LEX LUGER	6	2	4	6	112
ANDRE THE GIANT	5	4	5	2	109
RICK STEAMBOAT	4	3	5	5	101
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RANDY SAVAGE	4	4	4	2	94
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Larry Zbyszko pulled off one of the biggest upsets of 1994 when he came out of retirement to beat Lord Steven Regal for the WCW TV title. Andy Rodriguez still believes Zbyszko is more entertaining as a broadcaster.

are a good tag team, so no one's been able to shut them up yet. Hey, that should be the Steiners' first task when they get back from Japan. There isn't a more worthy cause.

"Bad" Bob Backlund? Who thought it would ever happen? The former WWF World champion once was the epitome of good character and grace. Now he's turning his back on a great legacy in order to make one final run at the belt. Maybe we never knew who Backlund really was.

Tammy Fytch is an effective, though devious, manager. Despite her intellect, the Wellesley College grad allowed "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly to cajole her into the ring. Those matchups gained as much attention as the ferocious encounters between Alundra Blayze and Bull Nakano. This is why women wrestlers find it so difficult to gain respect.

Tonya Harding turned down a \$2-million offer to sign with the All-Japan Women promotion, but she did spend one night as a manager on an independent card in Vancouver, Washington. It was one night too many.

Hooray for Capt. Lou Albano. He dropped a few pounds and he feels great. However, he demonstrated in 1994 that he is no longer "The Guiding Light," the man who led 13 different tag teams to the WWF World tag team title.

Albano is one of the sport's true good guys, but he's not the manager he used to be. He should get out of wrestling before he's tempted to turn bad again.

Who wants to see two guys who hate each other stand together as champions? Shawn Michaels and his bodyguard, Diesel, seem on the verge of a split, even though they currently hold the WWF World tag team belts. When Michaels goes for the tag, he'll either slap

his partner's hand, or his face. Maybe this isn't a bad thing after all.

At WCW's Slamboree in Philadelphia, Larry Zbyszko made a stunning return to the ring, defeating TV champion Lord Steven Regal in a non-title bout. He later captured the belt from Lord Steven. This made the self-proclaimed "Living Legend" more arrogant than ever. Behind the mike, Zbyszko is entertaining. In the ring, he's unbearable.

Had there been a strike, Sting and Lex Luger might have used the time to reassess their careers. Both of these great athletes remain at the top of their profession, but neither possesses a major championship. The competition is tough, but they were supposed to be tougher.

Arn Anderson has a dream. He dreams The Four Horsemen once again will reign supreme as the sport's most feared gang of rulebreakers. When he realized that dream wasn't about to become reality, he joined Col. Robert Parker's Stud Stable instead. Bad move, "Double-A."

It was easy to pick out a few incidents that marred what was otherwise a terrific year for wrestling. Wrestlers and promoters are just as egotistical and greedy as their counterparts on the field and in the boardroom. But at least they don't go on strike.

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off the top rope

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is like using the Led Zeppelin comeback to encourage Loggins and Messina to reunite.

Dear Eddie,

Do you think Ric Flair will stay retired? I can't imagine a wrestling scene without the "Nature Boy." It seems unnatural.

GILDA FLAVICH
Kona, HI

Dear Gilda,

It seems unnatural because, like Martina Navratilova, Flair can still wallop 96 percent of the competitors out there. But the four percent he can't beat are the

reason he's retired. When you're accustomed to being on top—not just near the top—anything less simply won't do. When the bell tolls, it tolls for thee—although Ric Flair is the only man alive who can unring a bell.

Dear Eddie,

Do you think O.J. is guilty?

LINDA FARRENTINO
Los Angeles

Dear Linda,

Yes. Guilty of being a world famous athlete, a crime in this society punishable by relentless scrutiny and morbid fascination.

Dear Eddie,

What do you think of Tony Anthony? It's just a matter of time before one of the big federations snatches him up. I think he's wrestling's next superstar.

SAUL PEPAZIAN
San Francisco

Dear Saul,

Anthony beat a washed-up Jake Roberts for the Smoky Mountain heavyweight title, but his battles against Jim Cornette-managed Bruiser Bedlam indicate he has what it takes to succeed. But as long as the big federations stay with their tired old lounge acts—the Steamboats, Lawlers, Funks, Andersons, etc.—there's no place for an independent maverick like Anthony to fit in. Imagine how good could he would be right now had he not turned fan favorite. Nearly 10 years after Bruiser Brody's death, the feder-



I was less than thrilled to see Tony Anthony become a fan favorite a year ago. But I know talent when I see it, and the "Dirty White Boy" has the chance to become a superstar.

ations still don't know how to handle independent talent. Look for Anthony to go to Japan, where his talents will be appreciated and rewarded.

Dear Eddie,

You don't mention Bill Apter's hygiene problems like you used to. Does that mean Bill has cleaned up his act?

JEREMY GAINES
Westport, CT

Dear Jeremy,

Bill, unfortunately, remains an itching, peeling, balding, shrinking, gimpy, hen-pecked health hazard. I like a challenge, and after a while making fun of him was like shooting ducks in a barrel. □

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12. Elevated back drop
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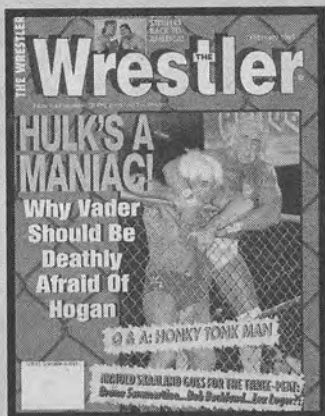
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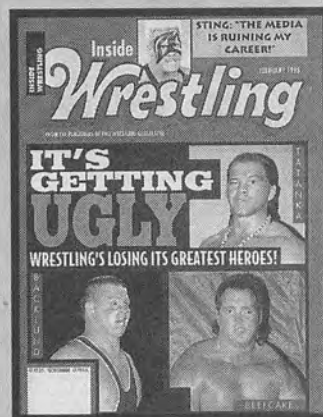
this month in...

Wrestler



By now, you have probably read all the stories about how **HULK HOGAN** is terrified of **BIG VAN VADER** and doesn't want to wrestle him. But could it be the other way around? After watching Hogan's Halloween Havoc retirement match against **RIC FLAIR**, maybe *Vader* ought fear to *Hogan*! ... **ARNOLD SKAALAND** has felt the pain of his former protege **BOB BACKLUND'S** chicken wing. What would be the ultimate revenge? How about Skaaland managing **LEX LUGER**, one of Backlund's arch-rivals! It could happen! ... **PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY** is not a caring man, but he showed a different side when he tearfully vowed, "I won't let **SABU** commit suicide!" ... All this—and much more!—in the February 1995 issue of *The Wrestler*

Inside Wrestling



First **BOB BACKLUND** turned his back on the fans, then **TATANKA** did the same. You won't believe who's next—and we'll tell you! ... WWF head **VINCE McMAHON** shocked fans last year when he attacked **JERRY LAWLER** in Memphis. They're constantly battling on WWF airwaves, but are they about to take their war into the ring? This could be the perfect time to sign a match ... **STING** is jealous of **HULK HOGAN**. Sting isn't focused on winning another WCW World title. These are just two rumors that have made this superstar angry. He tells everyone—in his own words—how the media is *ruining* him! ... All this—and much more!—in the February 1995 issue of *Inside Wrestling*

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: PAST WINNERS

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1993: Big Van Vader

Runners-up: 1—Bret Hart, 2—Shawn Michaels, 3—Yokozuna

1992: Ric Flair

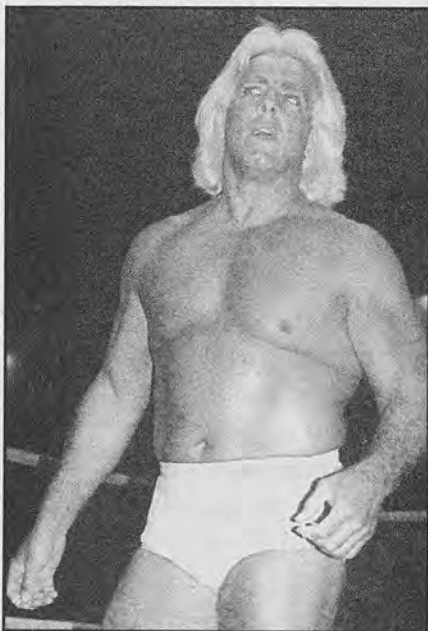
Runners-up: 1—Ron Simmons, 2—Rick Rude, 3—Bret Hart

1991: Hulk Hogan

Runners-up: 1—Lex Luger, 2—Bret Hart, 3—Sting

1990: Sting

Runners-up: 1—Ultimate Warrior, 2—Hulk Hogan, 3—Lex Luger



1989: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Lex Luger, 3—Rick Steamboat

1988: Randy Savage

Runners-up: 1—Jerry Lawler, 2—Lex Luger, 3—Ric Flair

1987: Hulk Hogan

This is a listing of all the Achievement Award winners and runners-up from past years. It should be noted that runners-up were not reported in our magazines until the 1976 awards, presented in *Victory Sports Series* 1977 Wrestling Annual #18. Most categories date back to 1972, when the awards were first instituted. A few don't; this is because the award for Most Improved Wrestler Of The Year was created in 1978, while Feud Of The Year was instituted in 1986, and Comeback Of The Year was created in 1992. The Editors' Award was first presented in 1981. Award winners started being announced in *PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED*'s March issue effective with the 1981 awards.

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Randy Savage, 3—Steve Williams

1986: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Randy Savage, 3—Nikita Koloff

1985: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Rick Martel, 3—Sgt. Slaughter

1984: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Kerry Von Erich, 3—Rick Martel

1983: Harley Race

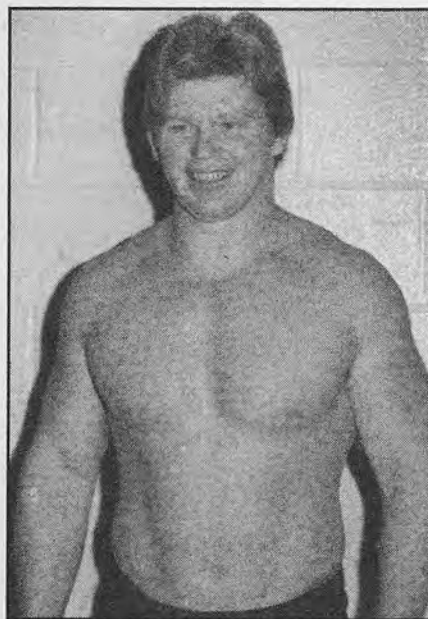
Runners-up: 1—Nick Bockwinkel, 2—Andre the Giant, 3—Bob Backlund

1982: Bob Backlund

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Hulk Hogan, 3—Jimmy Snuka

1981: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund, 2—Tommy Rich, 3—Dusty Rhodes



1980: Bob Backlund

Runners-up: 1—Harley Race, 2—Verne Gagne, 3—The Iron Sheik

1979: Harley Race

Runners-up: 1—Dusty Rhodes, 2—Jimmy Snuka, 3—Bob Backlund

1978: Dusty Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund, 2—Rick Steamboat, 3—Harley Race

1977: Dusty Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Superstar Graham, 2—Bob Backlund, 3—Harley Race

1976: Terry Funk

Runners-up: 1—Bruno Sammartino, 2—Nick Bockwinkel, 3—Paul Jones

1975: Mr. Wrestling II

1974: Bruno Sammartino

1973: Jack Brisco

1972: Pedro Morales

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

1993: Rick & Scott Steiner

Runners-up: 1—The Hollywood Blonds, 2—Money Inc., 3—The Heavenly Bodies

1992: Terry Gordy & Steve Williams

Runners-up: 1—The Natural Disasters, 2—Rick & Scott Steiner, 3—Barry Windham & Dustin Rhodes

1991: Larry Zbyszko & Arn Anderson

Runners-up: 1—Legion of Doom, 2—Rick & Scott Steiner, 3—Robert Fuller & Jeff Jarrett

1990: Rick & Scott Steiner

Runners-up: 1—Demolition, 2—Doom, 3—Legion of Doom

1989: Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson

Runners-up: 1—Demolition, 2—The Road Warriors, 3—Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes



1988: The Road Warriors

Runners-up: 1—The Midnight Express, 2—Demolition, 3—Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson

1987: The Midnight Express

Runners-up: 1—The Hart Foundation, 2—The Road Warriors, 3—The Rock 'n' Roll Express

1986: The Rock 'n' Roll Express

Runners-up: 1—The Road Warriors, 2—The British Bulldogs, 3—The Midnight Rockers

1985: The Road Warriors

Runners-up: 1—Ted DiBiase & Steve Williams, 2—Ivan & Nikita Koloff, 3—The British Bulldogs

1984: The Road Warriors

Runners-up: 1—Kerry, Kevin, & Mike Von Erich, 2—The Fabulous Ones, 3—The Rock 'n' Roll Express

1983: The Road Warriors

Runners-up: 1—Kerry, Kevin, & David

Von Erich, 2—Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy, & Buddy Roberts, 3—Jack & Jerry Brisco

1982: Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell

Runners-up: 1—Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito, 2—The Freebirds, 3—Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen

1981: The Fabulous Freebirds

Runners-up: 1—Rick Martel & Tony Garea, 2—Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito, 3—Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell

1980: Jimmy Snuka & Ray Stevens

Runners-up: 1—Mr. Wrestling & Mr. Wrestling II, 2—The Samoans, 3—Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon

1979: Ivan Putski & Tito Santana

Runners-up: 1—Jerry & Johnny Valiant, 2—Paul Jones & Baron Von Raschke, 3—The Spoiler & Mark Lewin

1978: Rick Steamboat & Paul Jones

Runners-up: 1—The Yukon Lumberjacks, 2—Mike Graham & Steve Keirn, 3—Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell

1977: Gene & Ole Anderson

Runners-up: 1—Mr. Fuji & Prof. Tanaka, 2—Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell, 3—Ric Flair & Greg Valentine

1976: The Executioners

Runners-up: 1—Gene & Ole Anderson, 2—Billy White Wolf & Chief Jay Strongbow, 3—Jimmy & Johnny Valiant

1975: Gene & Ole Anderson

1974: Jimmy & Johnny Valiant

1973: Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens

1972: Bruiser & Crusher

Rick Steamboat vs. Rick Rude

1991: The Steiners vs. Sting & Lex Luger

Runners-up: 1—Bret Hart vs. Curt Hennig, 2—Lex Luger vs. Ron Simmons, 3—Cactus Jack vs. Eddie Gilbert



1990: Hulk Hogan vs. Ultimate Warrior

(Warrior wins WWF World title)
Runners-up: 1—Sting vs. Ric Flair, 2—Hulk Hogan vs. Earthquake, 3—Royal Rumble

1989: Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat (Flair wins his sixth NWA World title)

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage, 2—Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat, 3—Eric Embry vs. P.Y. Chu-Hi

1988: Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan (Andre wins WWF World title)

Runners-up: 1—Sting vs. Ric Flair, 2—Jerry Lawler vs. Curt Hennig, 3—Ultimate Warrior vs. Honky Tonk Man

1987: Rick Steamboat vs. Randy Savage (Steamboat wins WWF I-C title)

Runners-up: 1—War Games/The Match Beyond I, 2—Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant, 3—Ronnie Garvin vs. Ric Flair

1986: Dusty Rhodes vs. Ric Flair (Dusty wins NWA World title at Great American Bash)

Runners-up: 1—The British Bulldogs vs. Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake, 2—The Road Warriors vs. Ronnie Garvin & Magnum T.A., 3—Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff

1985: Hulk Hogan & Mr. T vs. Roddy Piper & Paul Orndorff (WrestleMania I)

Runners-up: 1—The Road Warriors vs. Ivan & Nikita Koloff, 2—Ric Flair vs. Nikita Koloff, 3—Rick Martel vs. Bob Backlund

1984: Kerry Von Erich vs. Ric Flair (Von Erich captures NWA World title)

MATCH OF THE YEAR

1993: Shawn Michaels vs. Marty Jannetty

Runners-up: 1—Steiners vs. Heavenly Bodies, 2—Rick Rude vs. Dustin Rhodes, 3—Cactus Jack vs. Big Van Vader



1992: Davey Boy Smith vs. Bret Hart

Runners-up: 1—Brian Pillman vs. Jushin Liger, 2—Royal Rumble, 3—

Runners-up: 1—Rick Martel vs. Jumbo Tsuruta, 2—Hulk Hogan vs. The Iron Sheik, 3—Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat

1983: Harley Race vs. Ric Flair (Race wins seventh NWA World title)

Runners-up: 1—Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood vs. Sgt. Slaughter & Don Kernodle, 2—Don Muraco vs. Pedro Morales, 3—Tommy Rich vs. Buzz Sawyer

1982: Bob Backlund vs. Jimmy Snuka (cage match)

Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund vs. Ric Flair, 2—Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz, 3—Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz

1981: Andre the Giant vs. Killer Khan

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes, 2—Bob Backlund vs. Don Muraco, 3—Michael Hayes vs. Terry Gordy

1980: Bruno Sammartino vs. Larry Zbyszko (cage match)

Runners-up: 1—Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan, 2—Verne Gagne vs. Nick Bockwinkel, 3—Dusty Rhodes vs. Bob Backlund

1979: Dusty Rhodes vs. Harley Race (Rhodes wins NWA World title)

Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund vs. Pat Patterson, 2—Nick Bockwinkel vs. Bob Backlund, 3—Mr. Wrestling II vs. Ernie Ladd



1978: Bob Backlund vs. Superstar Graham (Backlund wins WWF World title)

Runners-up: 1—Blackjack Mulligan vs. Ric Flair, 2—Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham (bullrope match) 3—Rick Steamboat vs. Ric Flair

1977: Superstar Graham vs. Bruno Sammartino (Graham wins WWF World title)

Runners-up: 1—Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham, 2—Andre the Giant vs. Ric Flair, 3—Greg Gagne vs. Bob Backlund

1976: Bruno Sammartino vs. Stan Hansen

Runners-up: 1—Terry Funk vs. Rocky Johnson, 2—Nick Bockwinkel vs. Baron Von Raschke, 3—Andre the Giant vs. Abdullah the Butcher

1975: Bruno Sammartino vs. Spiros Arion

1974: Dory Funk Jr. vs. Jack Brisco

1973: Harley Race vs. Dory Funk Jr. (Race wins first NWA World title)

1972: Bruno Sammartino wins 22-man Los Angeles battle royal

FEUD OF THE YEAR

1993: Bret Hart vs. Jerry Lawler

Runners-up: 1—Rick Rude vs. Dustin Rhodes, 2—Cactus Jack vs. Big Van Vader, 3—Tony Anthony vs. Tracey Smothers



1992: The Moondogs vs. Jeff Jarrett & Jerry Lawler

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair vs. Randy Savage, 2—Ultimate Warrior vs. Papa Shango, 3—Rick Rude vs. Rick Steamboat

1991: Ultimate Warrior vs. The Undertaker

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan vs. Sgt. Slaughter, 2—Sting vs. Cactus Jack & Abdullah the Butcher, 3—Lex Luger vs. Ron Simmons

1990: Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan vs. Earthquake, 2—Ultimate Warrior vs. Rick Rude, 3—Chris Adams vs. Steve Austin

1989: Ric Flair vs. Terry Funk

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage, 2—Akbar's Army vs. Eric Embry, 3—Roddy Piper vs. Rick Rude

1988: Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger

Runners-up: 1—Rick Rude vs. Jake Roberts, 2—Kerry Von Erich vs. Jerry Lawler, 3—Hulk Hogan & Randy Savage vs. Ted DiBiase & Andre the Giant

1987: Four Horsemen vs. Superpowers & Road Warriors

Runners-up: 1—Randy Savage vs. Rick Steamboat, 2—Jerry Lawler vs. Tommy Rich & Austin Idol, 3—Brian Adias vs. Kevin Von Erich

1986: Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes, 2—The Shepherders vs. The Fantastics, 3—The Midnight Express vs. The Rock 'n' Roll Express

MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1993: Lex Luger

Runners-up: 1—Sting, 2—Bret Hart, 3—Dustin Rhodes

1992: Sting

Runners-up: 1—The Ultimate Warrior, 2—The Undertaker, 3—Ron Simmons

1991: Sting

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Sid Justice, 3—Rick & Scott Steiner



1990: Hulk Hogan

Runners-up: 1—Sting, 2—Ultimate Warrior, 3—Lex Luger

1989: Hulk Hogan

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Sting, 3—The Ultimate Warrior

1988: Randy Savage

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Sting, 3—Lex Luger

1987: Dusty Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Randy Savage, 3—Nikita Koloff

1986: Roddy Piper

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Rick Morton, 3—Nikita Koloff

1985: Hulk Hogan

Runners-up: 1—Magnum T.A., 2—Kerry Von Erich, 3—Tito Santana

1984: Kerry Von Erich

Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Dusty Rhodes, 3—Sgt. Slaughter

1983: Jimmy Snuka

Runners-up: 1—Dusty Rhodes, 2—David Von Erich, 3—Junkyard Dog

1982: Andre the Giant

Runners-up: 1—Tommy Rich, 2—Hulk Hogan, 3—Dusty Rhodes

1981: Tommy Rich

Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund, 2—Andre the Giant, 3—Dusty Rhodes

1980: Mr. Wrestling II

Runners-up: 1—Dusty Rhodes, 2—Andre the Giant, 3—Bruno Sammartino

1979: Dusty Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Andre the Giant, 2—Ivan Putski, 3—Mr. Wrestling II

1978: Dusty Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Andre the Giant, 2—Rick Steamboat, 3—Bob Backlund

1977: Andre the Giant

Runners-up: 1—Dusty Rhodes, 2—Bob Backlund, 3—Mil Mascaras

1976: Wahoo McDaniel

Runners-up: 1—Chief Jay Strongbow, 2—Mr. Wrestling II, 3—Ivan Putski

1975: Mil Mascaras

1974: Billy Robinson

1973: Chief Jay Strongbow

1972: Jack Brisco/Fred Curry (tie)

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Col. DeBeers, 3—Rick Rude

1985: Roddy Piper

Runners-up: 1—Chris Adams, 2—Ted DiBiase, 3—John Studd



1984: Roddy Piper

Runners-up: 1—Kevin Sullivan, 2—Tully Blanchard, 3—The Iron Sheik

1983: Greg Valentine

Runners-up: 1—Masked Superstar, 2—Kevin Sullivan, 3—Michael Hayes

1982: Ted DiBiase

Runners-up: 1—Blackjack Mulligan, 2—Superstar Graham, 3—Buzz Sawyer

1981: Ken Patera

Runners-up: 1—Don Muraco, 2—Nick Bockwinkel, 3—Roddy Piper

1980: Larry Zbyszko

Runners-up: 1—Greg Valentine, 2—Ernie Ladd, 3—Hulk Hogan

1979: Greg Valentine

Runners-up: 1—Terry Funk, 2—Ken Patera, 3—Ivan Koloff

1978: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Ken Patera, 2—Victor Rivera, 3—Bob Orton Jr.

1977: Ken Patera

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Superstar Graham, 3—Nick Bockwinkel

1976: Stan Hansen

Runners-up: 1—Ox Baker, 2—Terry Funk, 3—The Spoiler

1975: Greg Valentine

1974: The Great Mephisto

1973: Superstar Graham

1972: The Sheik

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1993: Yokozuna

Runners-up: 1—The Kid, 2—Brian Lee, 3—Tanaka

1992: Razor Ramon

Runners-up: 1—Ron Simmons, 2—Virgil, 3—Brian Christopher

1991: Dustin Rhodes

Runners-up: 1—Ron Simmons, 2—The Undertaker, 3—Crush

1990: Paul Roma

Runners-up: 1—Doom, 2—Tugboat, 3—Cactus Jack

1989: Scott Steiner

Runners-up: 1—Brutus Beefcake, 2—Jeff Jarrett, 3—P.Y. Chu-Hi

1988: Sting

Runners-up: 1—The Ultimate Warrior, 2—Iceman Parsons, 3—Jeff Jarrett

1987: Curt Hennig

Runners-up: 1—Al Perez, 2—Honky Tonk Man, 3—Sting

1986: Terry Gordy

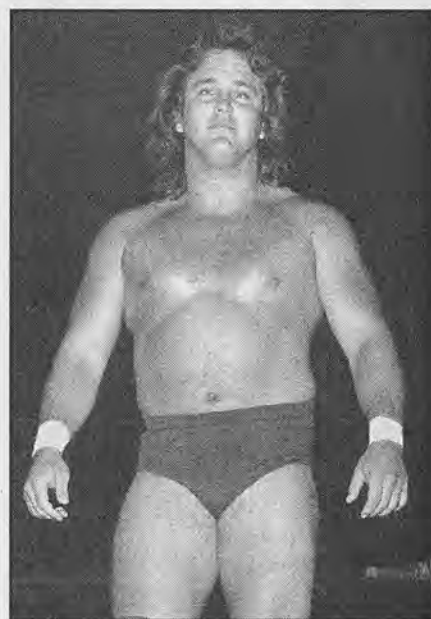
Runners-up: 1—Scott Hall, 2—Sam Houston, 3—Wendell Cooley

1985: Steve Williams

Runners-up: 1—Brian Adias, 2—Nikita Koloff, 3—Randy Savage

1984: Billy Jack Haynes

Runners-up: 1—Magnum T.A., 2—Rick Martel, 3—Ronnie Garvin



1983: Brett Wayne Sawyer

Runners-up: 1—Mike Rotundo, 2—Pez Whatley, 3—Brad Rheingans

1982: Barry Windham

Runners-up: 1—Otto Wanz, 2—Buzz Sawyer, 3—Rick Martel

MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1993: Jerry Lawler

Runners-up: 1—Big Van Vader, 2—Yokozuna, 3—Shawn Michaels

1992: Rick Rude

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Jake Roberts, 3—The Moondogs

1991: Sgt. Slaughter

Runners-up: 1—The Undertaker, 2—Lex Luger, 3—Jake Roberts

1990: Earthquake

Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Rick Rude, 3—Eddie Gilbert

1989: Randy Savage

Runners-up: 1—Terry Funk, 2—Rick Rude, 3—Lex Luger

1988: Andre the Giant

Runners-up: 1—Barry Windham, 2—Eddie Gilbert, 3—Ted DiBiase

1987: Ric Flair

Runners-up: 1—Andre the Giant, 2—Honky Tonk Man, 3—Lex Luger

1986: Paul Orndorff

- 1981: Kevin Sullivan**
Runners-up: 1—Sgt. Slaughter, 2—Charlie Cook, 3—Tito Santana
- 1980: Tony Atlas**
Runners-up: 1—Larry Zbyszko, 2—Ted DiBiase, 3—Kerry Von Erich
- 1979: Tommy Rich**
Runners-up: 1—Eddy Mansfield, 2—Kevin Von Erich, 3—Ted DiBiase
- 1978: Dino Bravo**
Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund, 2—Rick Steamboat, 3—Tony Atlas

COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

- 1993: Lex Luger**
Runners-up: 1—Brutus Beefcake, 2—Ric Flair, 3—Paul Roma

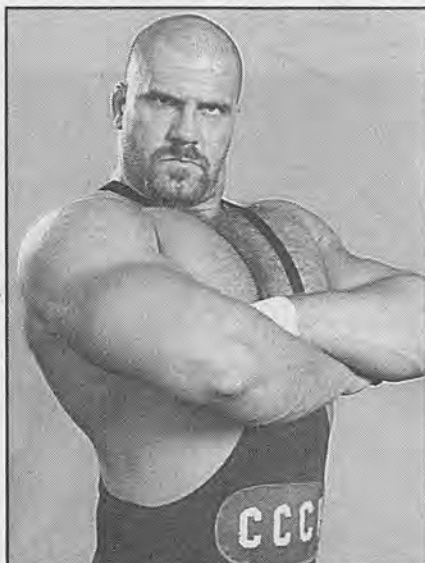


- 1992: The Ultimate Warrior**
Runners-up: 1—Bob Backlund, 2—The Sheik, 3—Junkyard Dog

INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

- 1993: Cactus Jack**
Runners-up: 1—Lex Luger, 2—The Kid, 3—Brutus Beefcake
- 1992: Ron Simmons**
Runners-up: 1—The Undertaker, 2—Rick Steamboat, 3—Eric Embry
- 1991: The Patriot**
Runners-up: 1—Jerry Lawler, 2—Sid Justice, 3—Bill Dundee
- 1990: Sting**
Runners-up: 1—Hulk Hogan, 2—Jerry Lawler, 3—Nikolai Volkoff
- 1989: Eric Embry**
Runners-up: 1—Nikita Koloff, 2—Billy Jack Haynes, 3—Ric Flair

- 1988: Jerry Lawler**
Runners-up: 1—Kerry Von Erich, 2—Road Warrior Animal, 3—Jake Roberts

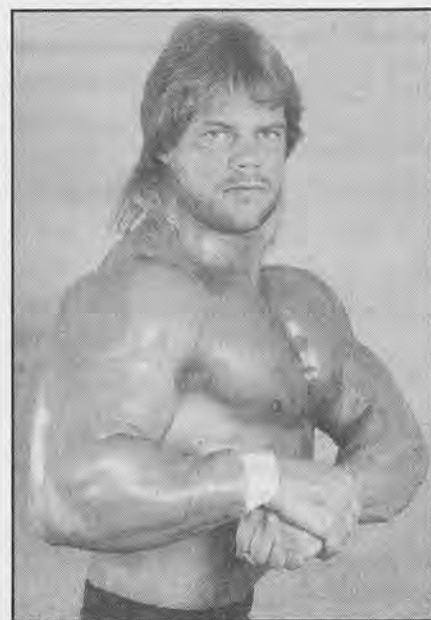


- 1987: Nikita Koloff**
Runners-up: 1—Dynamite Kid, 2—Chris Adams, 3—Superstar Graham
- 1986: Chris Adams**
Runners-up: 1—Magnum T.A., 2—Kerry Von Erich, 3—Steve Williams
- 1985: Mike Von Erich**
Runners-up: 1—Paul Orndorff, 2—Hacksaw Duggan, 3—Kevin Von Erich
- 1984: Sgt. Slaughter**
Runners-up: 1—Kerry Von Erich, 2—Kevin Von Erich, 3—Bob Backlund
- 1983: Hulk Hogan**
Runners-up: 1—Roddy Piper, 2—Buzz Sawyer, 3—Buddy Rose
- 1982: Roddy Piper**
Runners-up: 1—Jimmy Snuka, 2—Mil Mascaras, 3—Jimmy Valiant
- 1981: Bob Backlund**
Runners-up: 1—Ted DiBiase, 2—Tito Santana, 3—Mr. Wrestling II
- 1980: Junkyard Dog**
Runners-up: 1—Rick Steamboat, 2—Verne Gagne, 3—Mr. Florida
- 1979: Chief Jay Strongbow**
Runners-up: 1—Ric Flair, 2—Mr. Wrestling II, 3—Dusty Rhodes
- 1978: Blackjack Mulligan**
Runners-up: 1—Bruno Sammartino, 2—Mr. Wrestling II, 3—Jim Brunzell
- 1977: Bob Backlund**
Runners-up: 1—Don Muraco, 2—Bruno Sammartino, 3—Terry Funk
- 1976: Bruno Sammartino**
Runners-up: 1—Wahoo McDaniel, 2—Bob Roop, 3—Bob Armstrong

- 1975: Mike McCord**
1974: Dick Murdoch
1973: Johnny Valentine
1972: Lord Al Hays

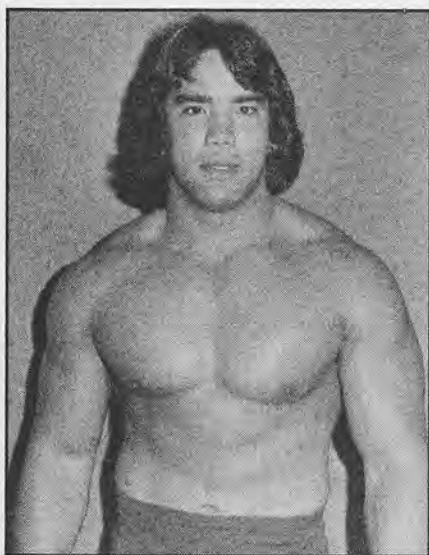
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- 1993: Vampire Warrior**
Runners-up: 1—Robbie Eagle, 2—The Coles, 3—The Headhunters
- 1992: Erik Watts**
Runners-up: 1—"Diamond" Dallas Page, 2—Vladimir Kholoff, 3—Chaz
- 1991: Johnny B. Badd**
Runners-up: 1—The Patriot, 2—Terri Power, 3—Lightning Kid
- 1990: Steve Austin**
Runners-up: 1—El Gigante, 2—Brad Anderson, 3—Chris Chavis
- 1989: Mike Enos & Wayne Bloom**
Runners-up: 1—Dustin Rhodes, 2—Scotty the Body, 3—Johnathan Holliday
- 1988: Madusa Miceli**
Runners-up: 1—Chris Benoit, 2—Max Pain, 3—Scott Steiner
- 1987: Owen Hart**
Runners-up: 1—Bubba Rogers, 2—Shane Douglas, 3—Doug Furnas



- 1986: Lex Luger**
Runners-up: 1—Bam Bam Bigelow, 2—Sting, 3—Tom Magee
- 1985: Nord the Barbarian**
Runners-up: 1—Kendall Windham, 2—Dan Spivey, 3—Sam Houston
- 1984: Mike Von Erich**
Runners-up: 1—Nikita Koloff, 2—Krusher Khrushchev, 3—Kevin Kelly

- 1983: Angelo Mosca Jr.**
Runners-up: 1—King Kong Bundy, 2—Scott Armstrong, 3—Arn Anderson
- 1982: Brad Armstrong**
Runners-up: 1—Tiger Mask, 2—Mike Rotundo, 3—Kamala
- 1981: David Sammartino**
Runners-up: 1—Brad Rheingans, 2—Curt Hennig, 3—Ron Richie
- 1980: Terry Taylor**
Runners-up: 1—Barry Windham, 2—Rick McGraw, 3—Tom Prichard
- 1979: Sweet Brown Sugar**
Runners-up: 1—Steve Travis, 2—Bryan St. John, 3—Eddie Gilbert
- 1978: Tommy Rich**
Runners-up: 1—Jay Youngblood, 2—David Von Erich, 3—Tully Blanchard

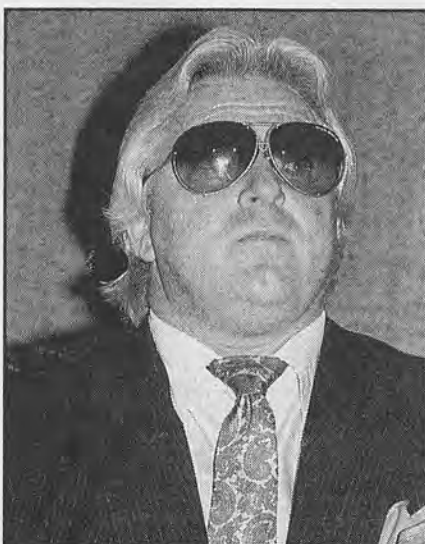


- 1977: Rick Steamboat**
Runners-up: 1—Jimmy Snuka, 2—John Studd, 3—Skip Young
- 1976: Bob Backlund**
Runners-up: 1—Chavo Guerrero, 2—Steve Keirn, 3—Johnny Rivera
- 1975: Ric Flair**
- 1974: Larry Zbyszko**
- 1973: Cowboy Bob Orton/Tony Garea (tie)**
- 1972: Mike Graham**

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

- 1993: Jim Cornette**
Runners-up: 1—Harley Race, 2—Mr. Fuji, 3—Tammy Fytch
- 1992: Paul E. Dangerously**
Runners-up: 1—Curt Hennig, 2—Harley Race, 3—Jim Cornette
- 1991: Bobby Heenan**
Runners-up: 1—Harley Race, 2—Alexandra York, 3—Paul Bearer

- 1990: Teddy Long**
Runners-up: 1—Bobby Heenan, 2—Ole Anderson, 3—Jim Cornette



- 1989: Bobby Heenan**
Runners-up: 1—Gary Hart, 2—Teddy Long, 3—Gen. Skandor Akbar
- 1988: J.J. Dillon**
Runners-up: 1—Elizabeth, 2—Jim Cornette, 3—Paul E. Dangerously
- 1987: Jimmy Hart**
Runners-up: 1—J.J. Dillon, 2—Jim Cornette, 3—Paul E. Dangerously
- 1986: Capt. Lou Albano**
Runners-up: 1—Paul Ellering, 2—Elizabeth, 3—Jim Cornette
- 1985: Jim Cornette**
Runners-up: 1—Capt. Lou Albano, 2—Paul Ellering, 3—Bobby Heenan
- 1984: Paul Ellering**
Runners-up: 1—Jimmy Hart, 2—Jim Cornette, 3—James J. Dillon
- 1983: James J. Dillon**
Runners-up: 1—Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie, 2—Capt. Lou Albano, 3—Paul Ellering
- 1982: James J. Dillon**
Runners-up: 1—Arnold Skaaland, 2—Sonny King, 3—Jimmy Hart
- 1981: Capt. Lou Albano**
Runners-up: 1—Arnold Skaaland, 2—Sir Oliver Humperdink, 3—The Grand Wizard
- 1980: Sir Oliver Humperdink**
Runners-up: 1—Arnold Skaaland, 2—Capt. Lou Albano, 3—The Great Mephisto
- 1979: Arnold Skaaland**
Runners-up: 1—Capt. Lou Albano, 2—Buddy Rogers, 3—Sir Oliver Humperdink



- 1978: Arnold Skaaland**
Runners-up: 1—The Grand Wizard, 2—Bobby Heenan, 3—Gary Hart
- 1977: The Grand Wizard**
Runners-up: 1—Bobby Heenan, 2—Capt. Lou Albano, 3—Lord Al Hays
- 1976: Bobby Heenan**
Runners-up: 1—Lou Albano, 2—Fred Blassie, 3—Gary Hart
- 1975: George "Crybaby" Cannon**
- 1974: Capt. Lou Albano**
- 1973: The Grand Wizard**
- 1972: Bobby Heenan**

PWI EDITORS' AWARD

- 1993: Andre the Giant**
- 1992: Stanley Weston**
- 1991: Fabulous Moolah**
- 1990: Buddy Rogers**
- 1989: Gordon Solie**
- 1988: Bruiser Brody & Adrian Adonis**
- 1987: Paul Boesch**
- 1986: Verne Gagne**
- 1985: Dan Shocket**
- 1984: David Von Erich**



- 1983: The Grand Wizard**
- 1982: Lou Thesz**
- 1981: Bruno Sammartino**

TITLE CHANGES: 1994

The following is a cumulative listing of all title changes to have taken place in 1994 up to press time. For a thorough up-to-date listing of these championships—and many more—look to the "Roll Call Of Champions" in each monthly issue of *Inside Wrestling*, or the "Transactions" feature in the weekly *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly* newsletter.



Public Enemy



Italian Stallion

ALL-JAPAN JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Dan Kroffat	Masanobu Fuchi	July 12	Kagoshima, Japan

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Kaoru Ito	Rie Tamada*	May 4	Toda, Japan

*This was a tournament final

ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S ALL-PACIFIC TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Minami Toyota	Yoko Inoue	Aug. 24	Tokyo

ECW HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Shane Douglas*	Terry Funk	Mar. 26	Devon, PA

*Douglas pinned Funk in an eight-man tag team match; due to a prematch stipulation, the title changed hands

ECW TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Public Enemy	Kevin Sullivan & Tasmaniac	Mar. 6	Philadelphia
Cactus Jack & Mikey Whipwreck	Public Enemy	Aug. 27	Philadelphia
Public Enemy	Cactus Jack & Mikey Whipwreck	Nov. 5	Philadelphia

ECW TELEVISION TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
J.T. Smith	Tasmaniac	Mar. 6	Philadelphia
Pit Bull Psycho Mike	J.T. Smith	Apr. 16	Philadelphia
Mikey Whipwreck	Pit Bull Psycho Mike	May 13	Philadelphia
Jason	Mikey Whipwreck	Aug. 13	Philadelphia
2 Cold Scorpio	Jason	Nov. 4	Hamburg, PA
Dean Malenko	2 Cold Scorpio	Nov. 4	Hamburg, PA

IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Tatsumi Fujinami	Shinya Hashimoto	Apr. 4	Hiroshima, Japan
Shinya Hashimoto	Tatsumi Fujinami	May 1	Fukuoka, Japan

IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Kensuke Sasaki & Hawk	Scott Norton & Hercules	Jan. 4	Tokyo

PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Italian Stallion*	Austin Steele	Jan. 22	Taylorsville, NC
Russian Assassin II**	Italian Stallion	July 29	Belmont, NC

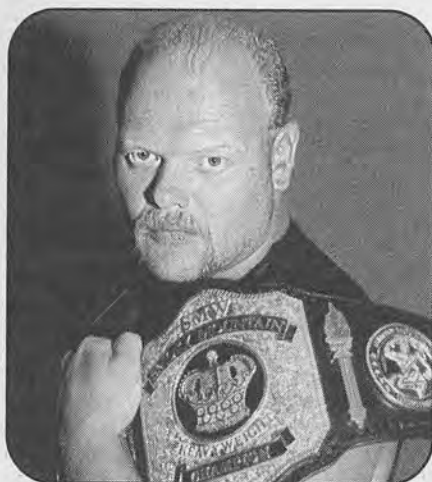
*Stallion stripped of the title May 28 when he and George South won the federation's tag team title. The PWF does not allow wrestlers to hold two titles simultaneously

**This was a tournament final

PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
American G.I.*	Russian Assassin	Jan. 29	Inman, SC
Cruel Connection II	American G.I.	Feb. 12	Point Pleasant, WV

*As a result of this match, American G.I. becomes the initial PWF I-C champ



Tony Anthony



Toshiaki Kawada



Sid Vicious

PRO WRESTLING FEDERATION JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
George South	Star Ryder	Jan. 14	Hamlet, NC
Brian Williams	George South	Apr. 29	Kings Mountain, NC
Flaming Youth	Brian Williams	Aug. 19	Elkin, NC

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Tony Anthony	Brian Lee	Feb. 13	Knoxville, TN
Jake Roberts	Tony Anthony	May 2	Harriman, TN
Tony Anthony	Jake Roberts	July 5	Warrensville, NC

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Feb. 18	Port Huron, MI
The Heavenly Bodies	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Feb. 19	Taylor, MI
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Heavenly Bodies	Apr. 1	Pikeville, KY
Chris Candido & Brian Lee	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Apr. 23	Johnson City, TN
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Chris Candido & Brian Lee	Aug. 5	Knoxville, TN
Chris Candido & Brian Lee	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Aug. 7	Johnson City, TN
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Chris Candido & Brian Lee	Aug. 8	Saltville, VA
The Gangstas*		Oct. 3	

*SMW officials awarded The Gangstas the belts after The Gangstas' lawyer filed a protest regarding a September 16 bout between his team and The Rock 'n' Roll Express in Knoxville, Tennessee

TRIPLE-CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP*

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Steve Williams	Mitsuharu Misawa	July 28	Tokyo
Toshiaki Kawada	Steve Williams	Oct. 22	Tokyo

*This title consists of the All-Japan International title, the All-Japan United National title, and the Pacific Wrestling Federation championship

USWA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

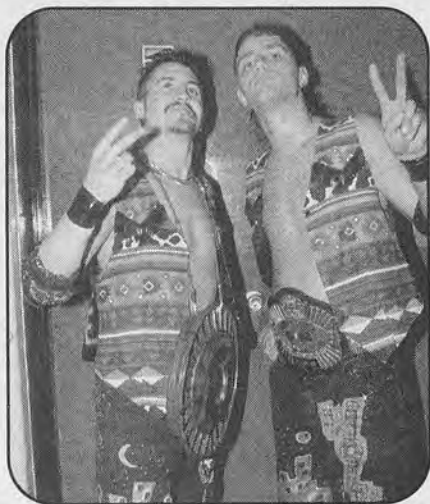
Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Eddie Gilbert	Jerry Lawler	Jan. 31	Memphis
Jerry Lawler	Eddie Gilbert	Feb. 7	Memphis
Eddie Gilbert	Jerry Lawler	Feb. 14	Memphis
Jerry Lawler	Eddie Gilbert	Mar. 24	Sanatobia, MS
Sid Vicious	Jerry Lawler*	July 16	Memphis

*Lawler forfeited the title because he was injured by Vicious earlier on the card and could not appear for the scheduled match

USWA SOUTHERN TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Feb. 7	Memphis
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Feb. 14	Memphis
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Feb. 21	Memphis
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	Feb. 28	Memphis
Eddie Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Mar. 14	Memphis
Brian Christopher	Eddie Gilbert	Mar. 19	Memphis
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	May 2	Memphis
Brian Christopher	Doug Gilbert	May 9	Memphis
Troy Graham	Brian Christopher	June 6	Memphis
Brian Christopher	Troy Graham	July 11	Memphis
Doug Gilbert	Brian Christopher	Aug. 1	Memphis
Tommy Rich*	Buddy Landell	Oct. 3	Memphis

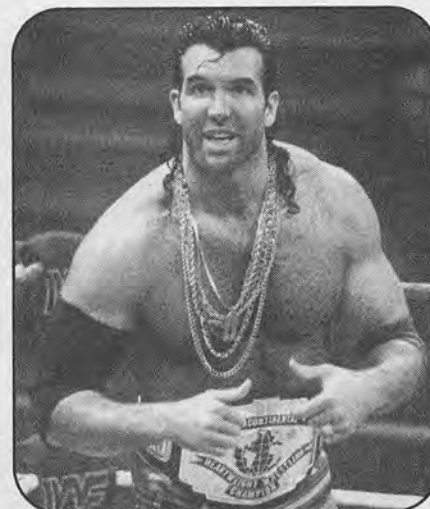
*This was a tournament final to fill the vacant title; Doug Gilbert had been stripped of the title two weeks earlier for failing to make the required number of title defenses



PG-13



Steve Austin



Razor Ramon

USWA TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Far Two Wild*	PG-13	Jan. 8	Memphis
The Bruise Brothers	Far Two Wild	Jan. 10	Memphis
The Rock 'n' Roll Express	The Bruise Brothers	Jan. 23	Louisa, KY
The Moondogs	The Rock 'n' Roll Express	Jan. 31	Memphis
Brian Christopher & Eddie Gilbert**	The Eliminators	Apr. 23	Jonesboro, AR
The Eliminators	Brian Christopher & Eddie Gilbert	May 2	Memphis
PG-13	The Eliminators	June 13	Memphis
Dante & Great Mephisto***	PG-13	Aug. 15	Memphis
PG-13	Dante & Great Mephisto	Aug. 29	Memphis
The Phantoms	PG-13	Oct. 18	Louisville, KY
The Moondogs	The Phantoms	Oct. 24	Memphis

*This was a match to award the title that had been held-up after a controversial hospital elimination match between the two teams.

**This was a tournament final to fill the title that had been vacated April 16 following a controversial bout between The Moondogs and Billy Travis & Don Bass

***Title had been held-up August 15 after champions PG-13 and Dante & Great Mephisto battled to a simultaneous double-pin. Dante & Great Mephisto won the rematch

WCW TELEVISION TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Larry Zbyszko	Lord Steven Regal	May 2	Atlanta
Lord Steven Regal	Larry Zbyszko	June 23	Charleston, SC
Johnny B. Badd	Lord Steven Regal	Sept. 18	Roanoke, VA

WCW U.S. HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Rick Steamboat	Steve Austin	Aug. 24	Cedar Rapids, IA
Hacksaw Duggan	Steve Austin*	Sept. 18	Roanoke, VA

*Austin had been awarded the title via forfeit prior to this match when Steamboat was unable to wrestle due to a back injury

WCW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Hulk Hogan	Ric Flair	July 17	Orlando, FL

WCW WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan	The Nasty Boys	May 22	Philadelphia
Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Cactus Jack & Kevin Sullivan	July 17	Orlando, FL
Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot	Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Sept. 25	Atlanta
Paul Orndorff & Paul Roma	Marcus Bagwell & The Patriot	Oct. 23	Detroit

WWF INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Diesel	Razor Ramon	Apr. 13	Rochester, NY
Razor Ramon	Diesel	Aug. 29	Chicago

WWF WORLD TITLE

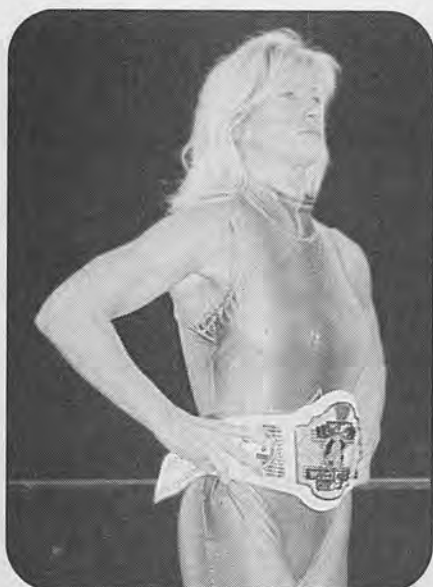
Won by	Won from	Date	Site
Bret Hart	Yokozuna	Mar. 20	New York



The Quebecers



Jack Hammer



Alundra Blayze

WWF WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE

Won by	Won from	Date	Site
The Kid & Marty Jannetty	The Quebecers	Jan. 10	Richmond, VA
The Quebecers	The Kid & Marty Jannetty	Jan. 17	New York
Men On A Mission	The Quebecers	Mar. 29	London, England
The Quebecers	Men On A Mission	Mar. 31	Sheffield, England
The Headshrinkers	The Quebecers	Apr. 26	Burlington, VT
Diesel & Shawn Michaels	The Headshrinkers	Aug. 28	Indianapolis

CHAMPIONS 1994: THE HONOR ROLL

The following champions have held their titles throughout all of 1994, and continue to hold those championships as of press time:

DAN KROFFAT & DOUG FURNAS

Won the All-Japan Asian tag team title from The Patriot & The Eagle, September 9, 1993, in Omiya, Japan

MITSU HARU MISAWA & KENTA KOBASHI

Won the All-Japan tag team title by beating Akira Taue & Toshiaki Kawada in a tournament final, December 3, 1993, in Tokyo

AJA KONG

Won the All-Japan Women's International title from Bull Nakano, November 26, 1992, in Kawasaki, Japan

CANDY OKUTSU

Won the All-Japan Women's junior heavyweight title from Chapparita Asari, December 6, 1993, in Osaka, Japan

MINAMI TOYOTA & TOSHIYO YAMADA

Won the All-Japan Women's tag team title from Dynamite Kansai & Mayumi Ozaki, December 6, 1993, in Osaka, Japan

THE BAD CREW

Won the American Commonwealth Wrestling tag team title in a tournament, September 30, 1993, in York, Pennsylvania

MITSU HARU MISAWA & KENTA KOBASHI

Won the Pacific Wrestling Federation International tag team title by beating Akira Taue & Toshiaki Kawada in a tournament final, December 3, 1993, in Tokyo

JACK HAMMER

Won the World Wide Wrestling Alliance Intercontinental title from Tony Atlas, August 27, 1993, in Freeport, Bahamas

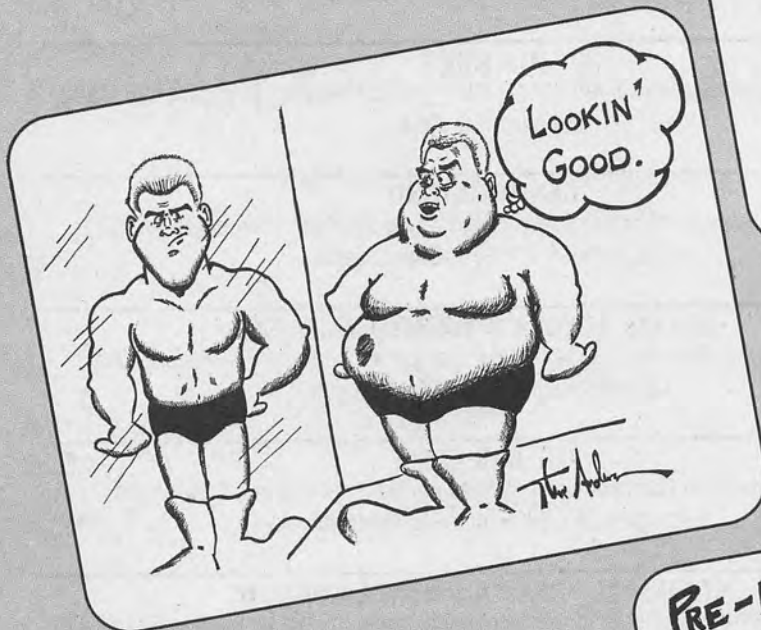
ALUNDRA BLAYZE

Won the WWF World Women's title by beating Heidi Lee Morgan in a tournament final, December 13, 1993, in Poughkeepsie, New York

The Artist

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Political cartoonist Steve Anderson, whose work appears monthly in our sister publication, *The Wrestler*, has a truly unique view of the mat sport. His efforts on these pages, detailing some memorable aspects of the year in wrestling, ran in that magazine, as well as the now-revamped *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly*.



**HULK HOGAN:
WCW
CHAMP**



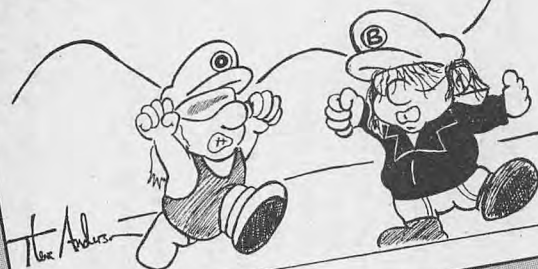
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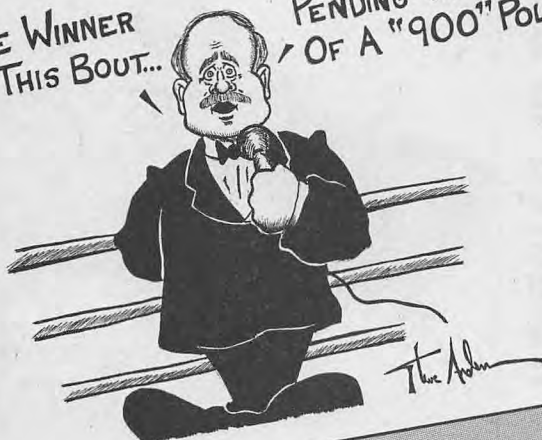


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RANDY SAVAGE BIDS FAREWELL TO THE WWF! "Macho Man" Rumored To Be WCW Bound

By CHRIS BERNUCCA

BUSHKILL, PA—Randy Savage's magnificent nine-year WWF career came to an end in November as WWF head Vince McMahon announced on *Monday Night Raw* that Savage and the federation could not come to terms on a new contract.

McMahon said he was Savage's number-one fan, thanked him for all the positive contributions he has made to the WWF over the years, and wished him the best of luck in future endeavors. Speculation is that Savage will move on to WCW to renew an old feud with World champion Hulk Hogan.

"I had some great years with the WWF," he told *PWL*. "I'm leaving on the best of terms and I have some really great friends there. But you never know where the 'Macho Man' might show up next!"

Savage and Hogan had a strange relationship while they were in the WWF together. Hogan was in Savage's



corner when he beat Ted DiBiase in a tournament final for the WWF World title at WrestleMania IV. Their alliance crumbled soon afterward, however. The "Macho Man" started accusing Hogan of "lusting after" his then-wife Elizabeth. A bitter feud began when Savage attacked his friend at a TV taping; Hogan went on to capture his second WWF World title by beating Savage at WrestleMania V.

Savage won his second WWF World title at WrestleMania VIII by pinning Ric Flair, but he and the "Hulkster" reportedly never patched up their differences.

"I don't know what his plans are," said Hogan, "but if he shows up in WCW, I'm willing to let bygones be bygones."

Randy Savage's glorious WWF career came to an end when he couldn't come to terms on a new contract. Now he may renew his old rivalry with Hulk Hogan in WCW.

Austin Hires Race As Manager

By DAVE ROSENBAUM

ATLANTA—Desperate to find a way to regain the U.S. title, Steve Austin has hired a new manager: Harley Race. The rulebreaking manager made his first appearance in the corner of "Stunning" Steve at a TV taping at Center Stage Theater; his interference led to Austin getting disqualified against current U.S. champ Hacksaw Duggan.

"Harley is a seven-time NWA World champion," said Austin. "I don't need a manager to help me win the U.S. title, but what harm is there in having a man with that much experience in your corner?"

Austin may be thrilled to have Race in his corner, but Big Van Vader, who is also managed by Race, wasn't at all happy when he heard the news.

"Harley is supposed to be getting me shots at Hogan," he screamed. "I don't know what he's doing with Austin, but he better take care of his number-one meal ticket if he's knows what's best for him."

Race said he would have no problem managing both men at the same time and predicted they would both be champions in the near future.

"Blind" Sandman Returns To ECW Action

By ED EMELETT

PHILADELPHIA—When The Sandman made his way to the ring at the ECW Arena on November 5, he was supposed to make his farewell speech to ECW fans. Several weeks earlier, he had been blinded when Tommy Dreamer knocked a cigarette into his eye and later struck him with a rattan cane.

But soon after Sandman entered the ring with his eyes bandaged, it quickly became apparent that he had no intentions of retiring from active competition. During Sandman's speech, his estranged wife, Peaches, came to the ring and kissed him.

That brought Woman, Sandman's voluptuous and venomous manager, out of the dressing room. She whacked Peaches with a rattan cane and announced her "new man" was none other than Sandman, who proceeded to remove the bandages. When Dreamer, who earlier said he was dedicating the rest of his career to Sandman, entered the ring, he was repeatedly and brutally beaten with the cane.

"It just shows you how stupid and gullible Dreamer and all his fans are," Woman said as she lit up a cigarette for her man.

Vicious Under Siege From WWF Stars

By ANDY RODRIGUEZ

LOUISVILLE, KY—When USWA heavyweight champion Sid Vicious beat Memphis favorite Jerry Lawler cleanly several times this fall, he figured he had gotten rid of his toughest challenger, but WWF superstars The Undertaker and Lex Luger have come dangerously close to unseating the big man.

Vicious dished out a lot of punishment against The Undertaker in their first encounter, but could not put him away. The Undertaker, who feuded with Vicious in the WWF in 1992, drove his foe to the mat with a "tomb-

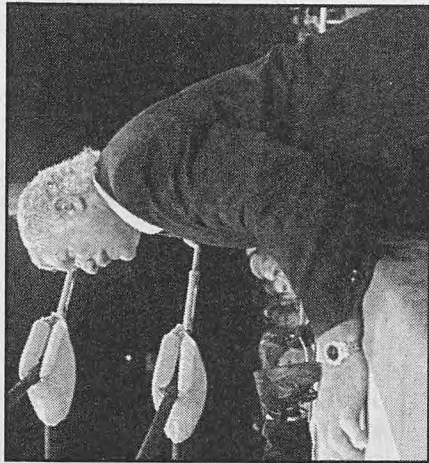
stone" piledriver, but Spellbinder interfered on Vicious' behalf so the title would not change hands.

The Undertaker appeared to win the title in a match held a week later, but the belt was returned to Vicious when the referee discovered The Undertaker used a chain that Vicious had brought to the ring.

A few days later, Lex Luger almost won the title before settling for a win by disqualification.

"They all try, but they can't take my title," said Vicious. "Sid Vicious rules the world!"

Harley Race hopes to help Steve Austin regain the U.S. title. But Big Van Vader isn't happy that Race will be dividing time between him and Austin.



AROUND THE GLOBE

COLOGNE, GERMANY

When he returned to the WWF, King Kong Bundy figured the World title would be his for the taking, but the big man is struggling. There wasn't much fanfare when he received his first title shot since his return. He was beaten by Bret Hart on the WWF's European tour. Quite an accomplishment, considering Hart had to be thinking ahead to his Survivor Series showdown with Bob Backlund.

KAROISHI, JAPAN

The Rock 'n' Roll Express—Rick Morton and Robert Gibson—are frustrated. They don't like seeing The Gangstas holding the Smoky Mountain tag team belts, so they took a trip to Japan to wrestle in the WAR promotion. Sources say the Rock 'n' Rolls looked better than they have in years in beating Yuji Yasuraoka and Lion Heart.

HAMBURG, GERMANY

Bastion Booger in Germany? Wrestling's most disgusting athlete hasn't won too many matches on the independent circuit since he left the WWF in early-1994. He did pull out a victory on a CWA card here as he beat John Prater. Others on the card included Dunk the Clown and Tattoo Samoa. No comment from Booger on whether he was enjoying German cuisine.

MEMORIES OF 1994

THE EDITORS' PICKS

Finally, we close out this year-end edition of **PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED** by asking our editors to pick the most memorable and enduring moment of the past year. In doing so, we close the book on 1994 and look forward to the next 12 months. In 1995, we wish you and yours another year filled with health, happiness, and the best that professional wrestling has to offer

Stu Saks (Publisher): "My career as a wrestling journalist, beginning in 1979, has directly coincided with Hulk Hogan's career as a professional wrestler. From his Mid-Southern roots as Terry Boulder to his WWF rule-breaker days with Fred Blassie to his AWA conversion to fan favorite and then back to WWF for the 'Hulkamania' explosion, I have marveled at the aura of the 6'8" man who has outgrown the limitations of a sport that previously enjoyed only a cult following. Hulk Hogan winning the WCW World championship combined athletic brilliance, human drama, and more than a touch of irony. If in the future I ever start to complain that wrestling is getting too predictable, please remind me about Hulk Hogan and the year 1994."



Craig Peters (Associate Publisher): "It was a hot, sweaty, brutal night at the ECW Arena. Cactus Jack was 'ahem' *wrestling* Sabu. During the 'ahem' match, Sabu executed a moonsault from the top rope out of the ring, over the ringside area, and onto a table set up in second row ringside; Cactus moved off the table in time, but Sabu, a split-second before crashing through the table to the floor, caught his neck on the steel railing between the fans and the ring. I thought he'd be paralyzed, or at least hospitalized. Incredibly, he continued his assault as if nothing had happened. That man, that maneuver, that match, and ECW itself epitomize the appeal of hardcore independent wrestling—and perhaps hint at where the future of the 'ahem' sport may lie."

Bill Apter (Senior Editor): "I best remember a hot, sweaty, brutal few weeks for Vince McMahon. It seemed like the whole wrestling business was on trial, not just McMahon. In the end, we all held our breath, thinking the worst might happen and wrestling would suffer, but the government couldn't find the goods to convict wrestling's great emprasario. He kept his cool during the entire fiasco, because, as several of his confidants told me, 'He knew he didn't do anything wrong.' McMahon kept his pride and showed the world that if you have faith in the judicial system, and you are not guilty, everything will work out well in the end."



Dave Lenker (Managing Editor): "I'm so used to seeing wrestlers go back and forth between fan favorite and rulebreaker that when I hear about it happening to someone else, I hardly react. Even when Bob Backlund embraced evil, I wasn't that shocked. But some things do surprise me. A few people told me before SummerSlam they thought it was Tatanka who was about to turn rulebreaker. *Could happen*, I figured. It did. But I was appalled to see him join Ted DiBiase's Corporation. There he was a few days later, standing side-by-side with Bam Bam Bigelow and Irwin R. Schyster, two men Tatanka was intent on destroying after they insulted his heritage. All it took was a few bucks from DiBiase and Tatanka forgot about that. Unbelievable. Maybe my memory from 1995 will be of Big Van Vader apologizing to fans for his past sins. *Could happen*."

Jason Ross Lavin (Photo Editor): "Midway through the AAA card at New York's Paramount Theater, the entrance music blared the theme music from *Godzilla*. Not being familiar with the names of the combatants, I expected to see some behemoth emerge from the dressing room. Was I wrong! The wrestlers might have been vertically challenged, standing well under four feet tall, but they were athletically blessed. They were faster, more agile, and often times far more daring than their full-scale counterparts. These men not only had their battle in the ring, but a more important battle against the stereotype of the midget circus sideshow attraction. By the conclusion of the match, nobody in the packed house viewed these men as anything but superb athletes, and that was a victory for each of them."



Ed Emelett (Editorial Assistant): "1994 was such a memorable year for wrestling, in both good and bad ways. What I remember most is Ric Flair leaving the ring for the supposed final time at Halloween Havoc. True, he lost, but for all that he has done, don't you think WCW should have honored him in some way? While Hogan was dominating the WWF in the mid-1980s, Flair singlehandedly kept the NWA head above water. He's been in so many classic matches, and his interviews are the best of all-time. Remember, this man was in a plane crash 18 years ago and he still went on to win 10 world titles. Incredible. He is, without a doubt, *the greatest wrestler of all-time*. He will be sorely missed. He already is." □

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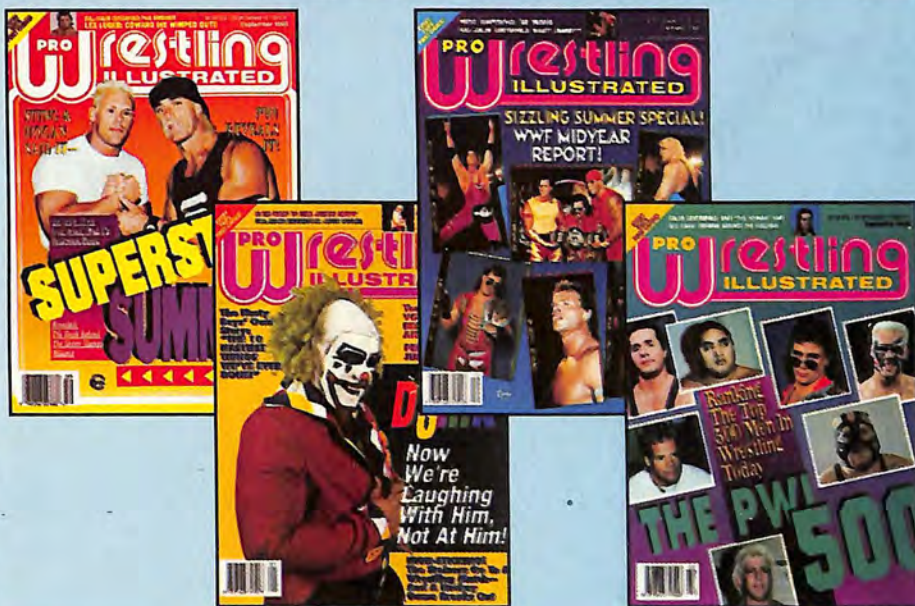
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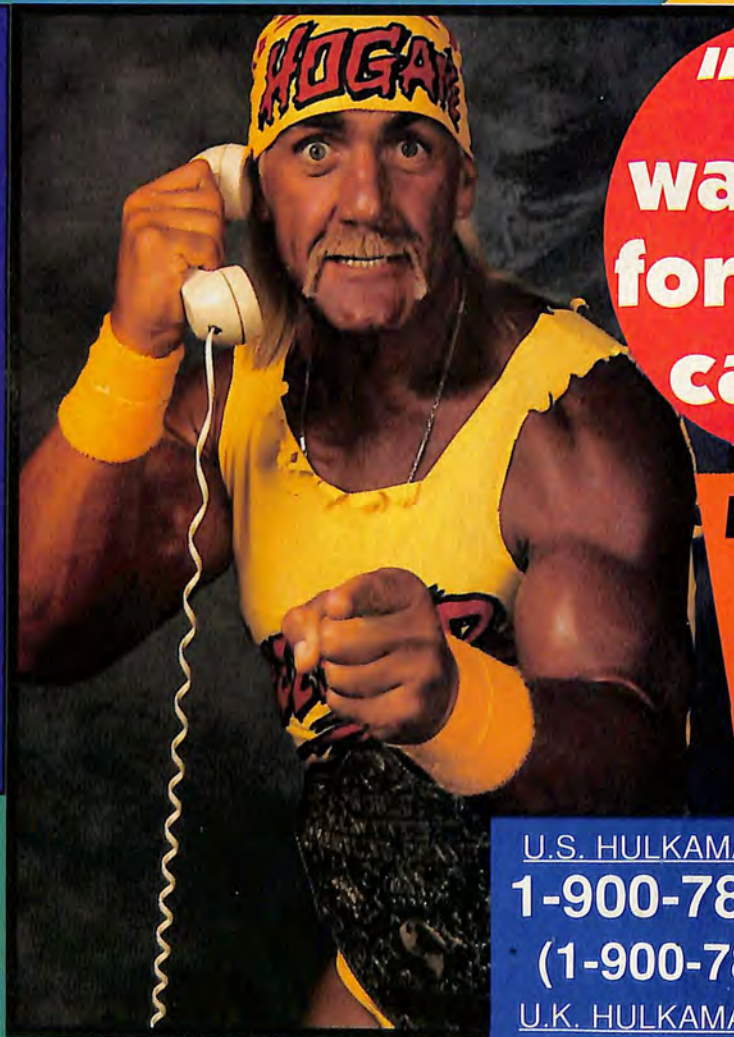
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